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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

THAT GUY IN THE
SHADOWS JUST
BLASTED THAT 'BOT!
WHO CAN HE BE?

HMM... I CAN MAKE
OUT A *BIG HEAD*
AND A *BELLY* TO
MATCH! I'LL GIVE
YOU *ONE GUESS!*

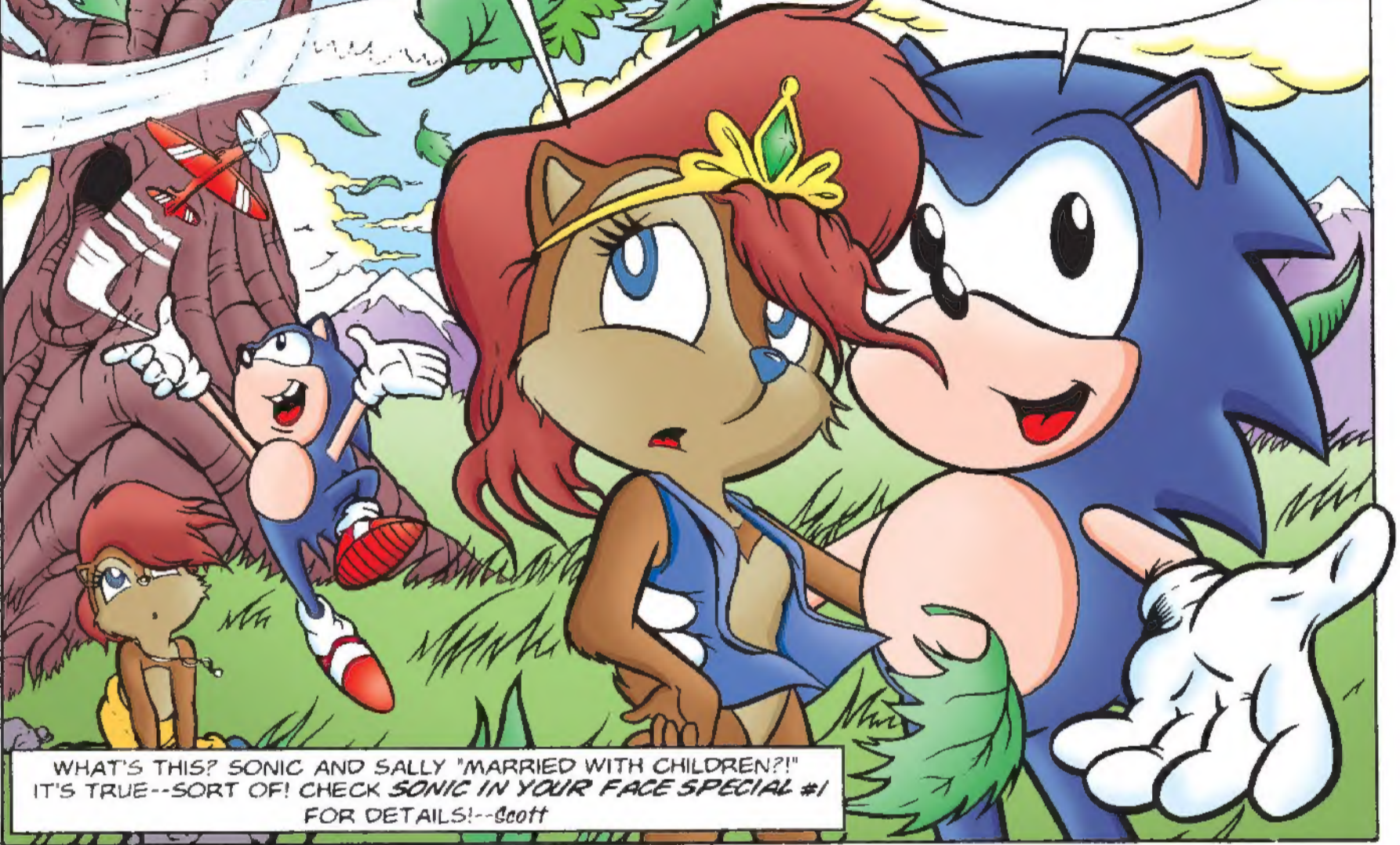
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THAT'S FUNNY,
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG™

THE
RETURN
PART I

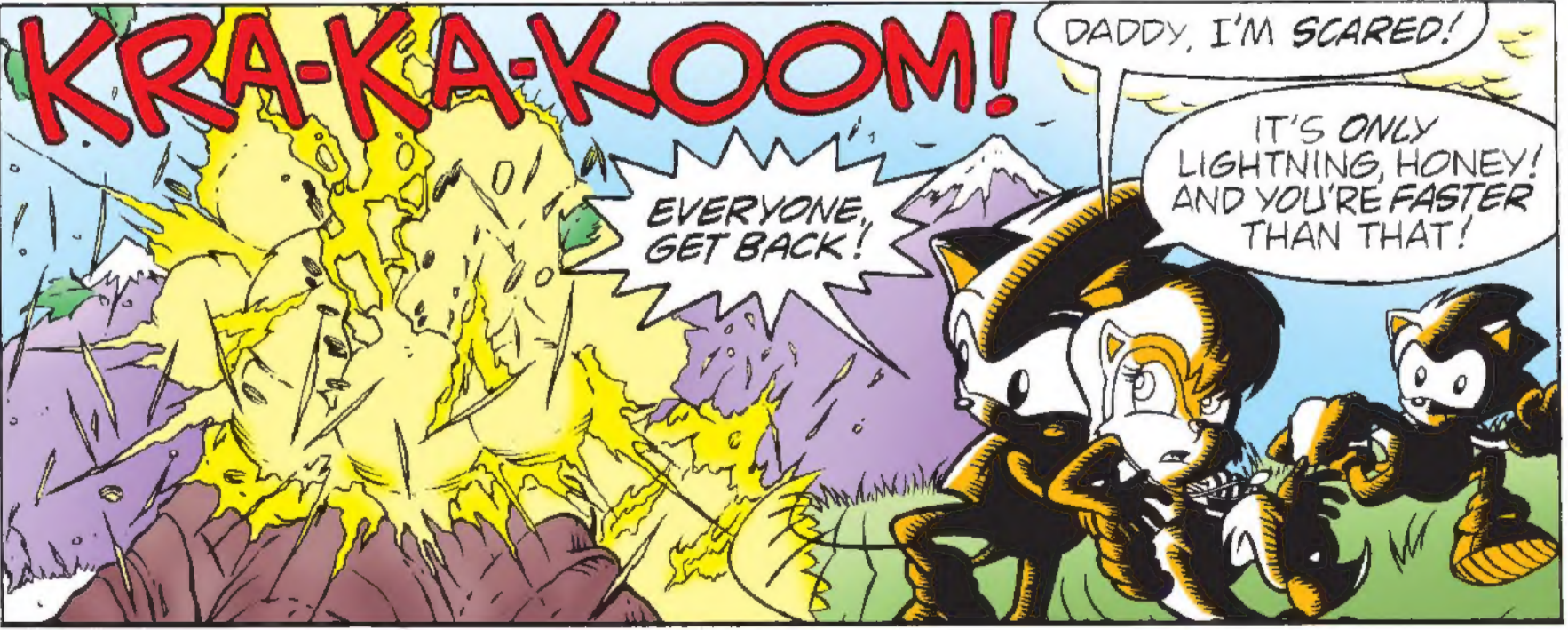
IT WAS **SUNNY**
AND **CLEAR** SKIES JUST A
MOMENT AGO! NOW IT LOOKS
LIKE THERE'S GOING TO BE
QUITE A **STORM!**

THAT'S **MOBIUS**
WEATHER FOR YOU,
SAL! GIVE IT A MINUTE
AND IT'LL PASS!



WHAT'S THIS? SONIC AND SALLY "MARRIED WITH CHILDREN?!"
IT'S TRUE--SORT OF! CHECK **SONIC IN YOUR FACE SPECIAL #1**
FOR DETAILS!--Scott

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KRA-KA-KOOM!

EVERYONE,
GET BACK!

DADDY, I'M SCARED!

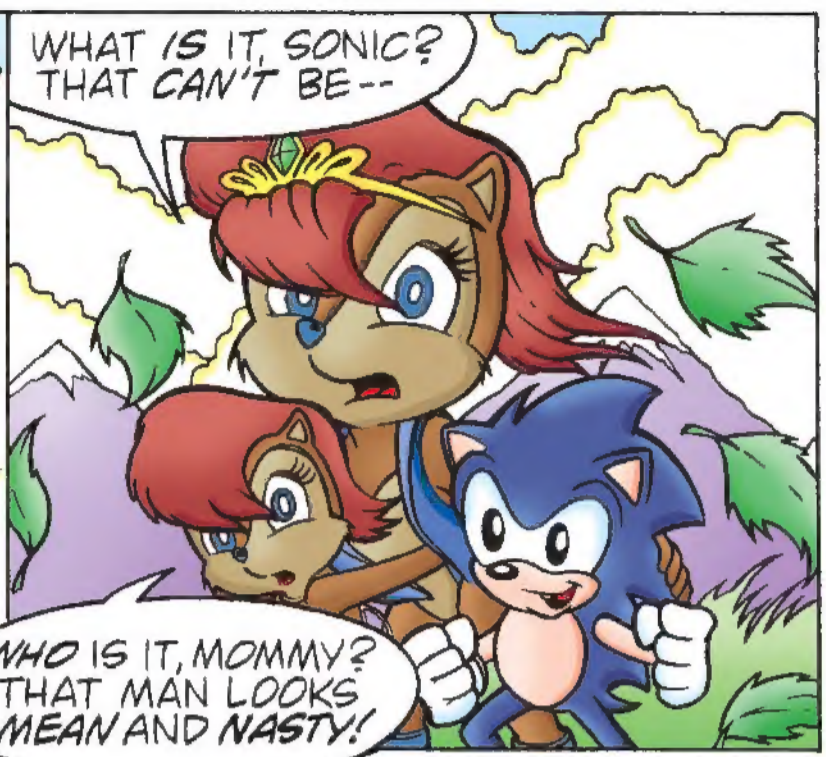
IT'S ONLY
LIGHTNING, HONEY!
AND YOU'RE FASTER
THAN THAT!



KRAA-KHOOOM!

WHAT THE...

...AND WHERE DID IT COME FROM?!



WHAT IS IT, SONIC? THAT CAN'T BE--

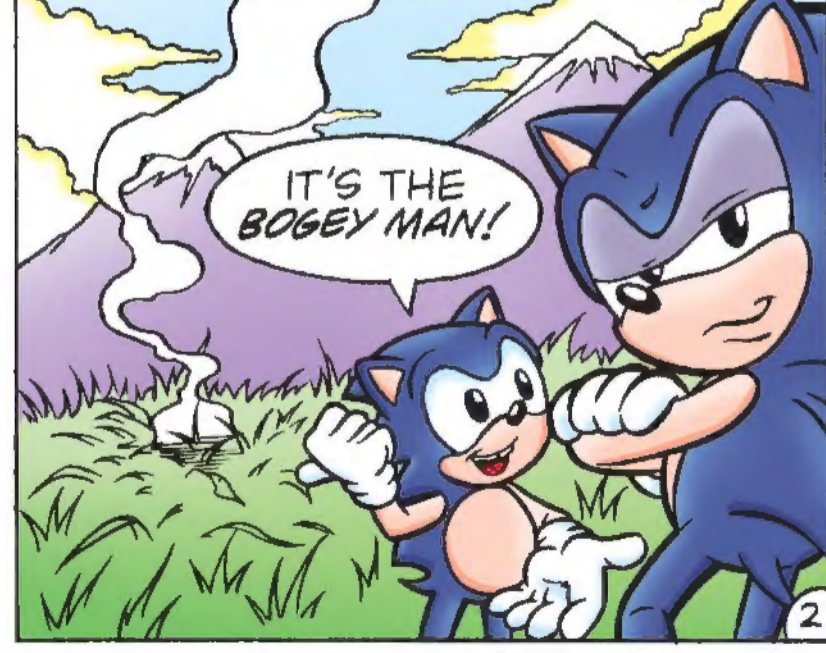
WHO IS IT, MOMMY? THAT MAN LOOKS MEAN AND NASTY!



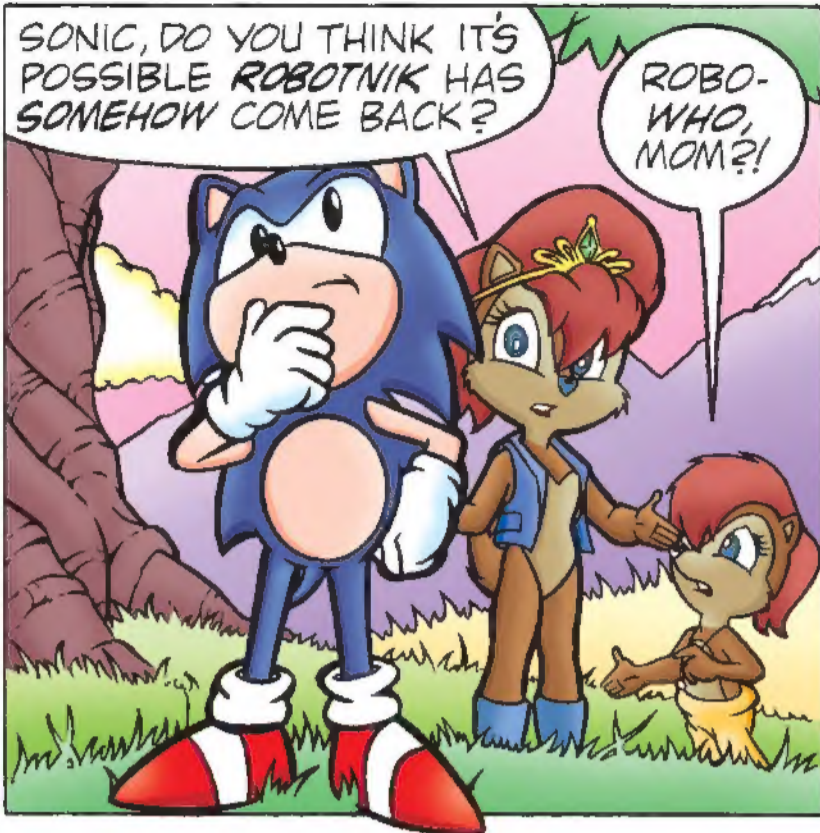
YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT, L'I'L PRINCESS.

DON'T YOU KNOW WHO THAT IS?

KRAAAKHOOOOOOONNN!



IT'S THE BOGEY MAN!



SONIC, DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE ROBOTNIK HAS SOMEHOW COME BACK?

ROBO-WHO, MOM?!

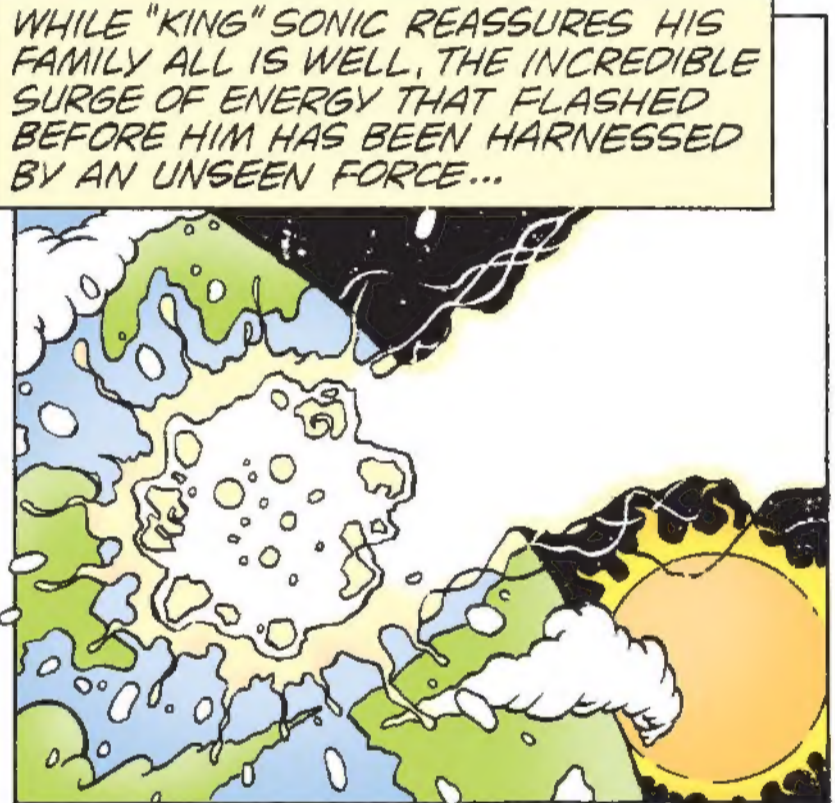


HE'S GONE, SAL! FINISHED! KAPUT! YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED ALONG WITH ME! OL' ROBO-BUTT ISN'T EVER COMING BACK!

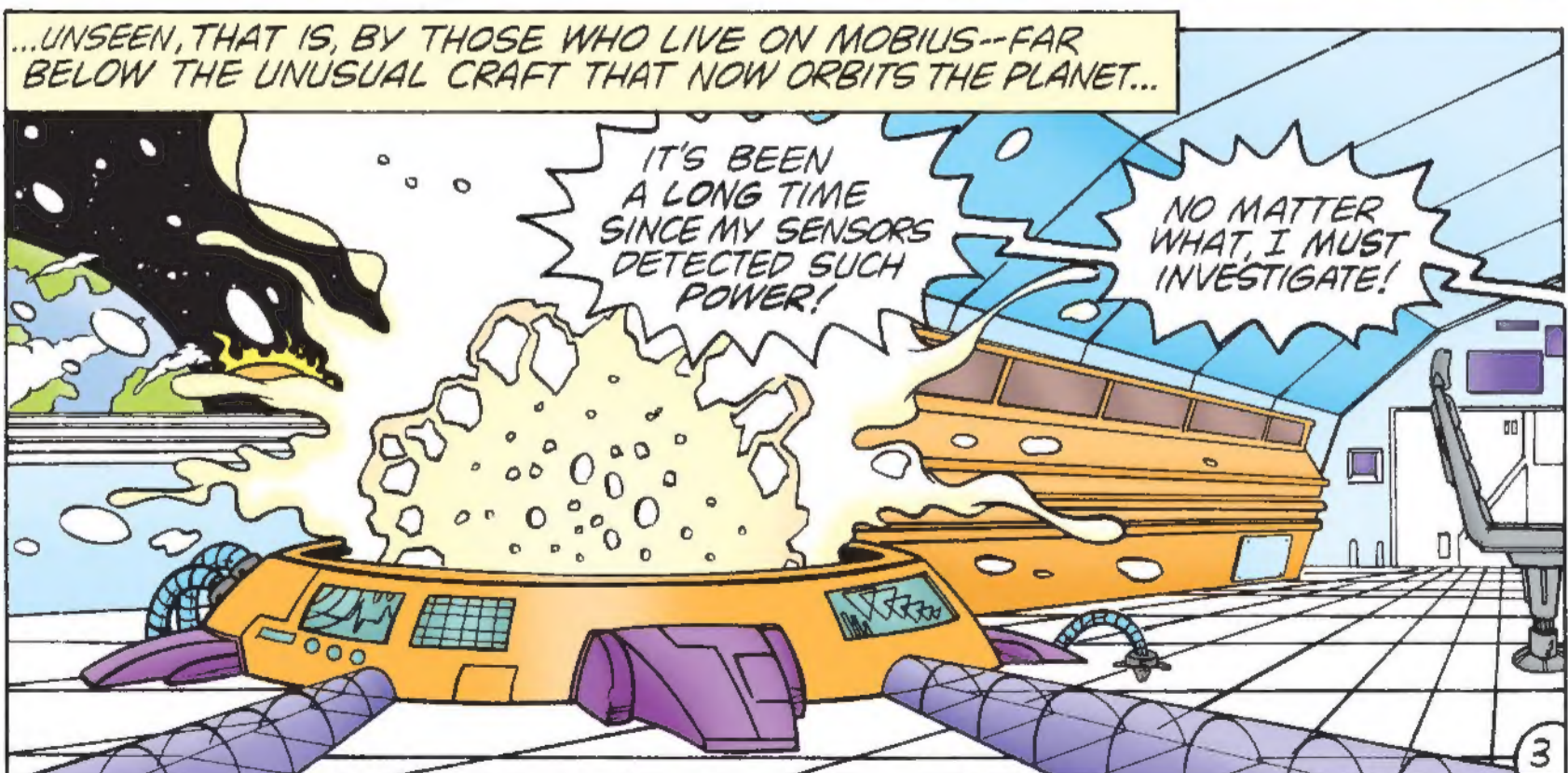


WHAT WE SAW WAS A WEIRD FREAK OF NATURE--

I HOPE.



WHILE "KING" SONIC REASSURES HIS FAMILY ALL IS WELL, THE INCREDIBLE SURGE OF ENERGY THAT FLASHED BEFORE HIM HAS BEEN HARNESSSED BY AN UNSEEN FORCE...

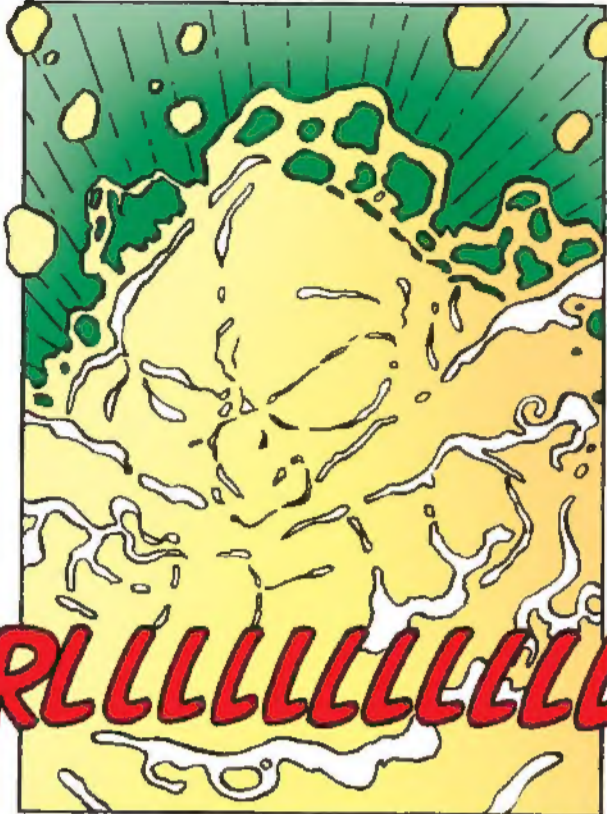


...UNSEEN, THAT IS, BY THOSE WHO LIVE ON MOBIUS--FAR BELOW THE UNUSUAL CRAFT THAT NOW ORBITS THE PLANET...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE MY SENSORS DETECTED SUCH POWER!

NO MATTER WHAT, I MUST INVESTIGATE!

"IN DOING SO, I MAY FIND A SOLUTION TO MY DILEMMA."

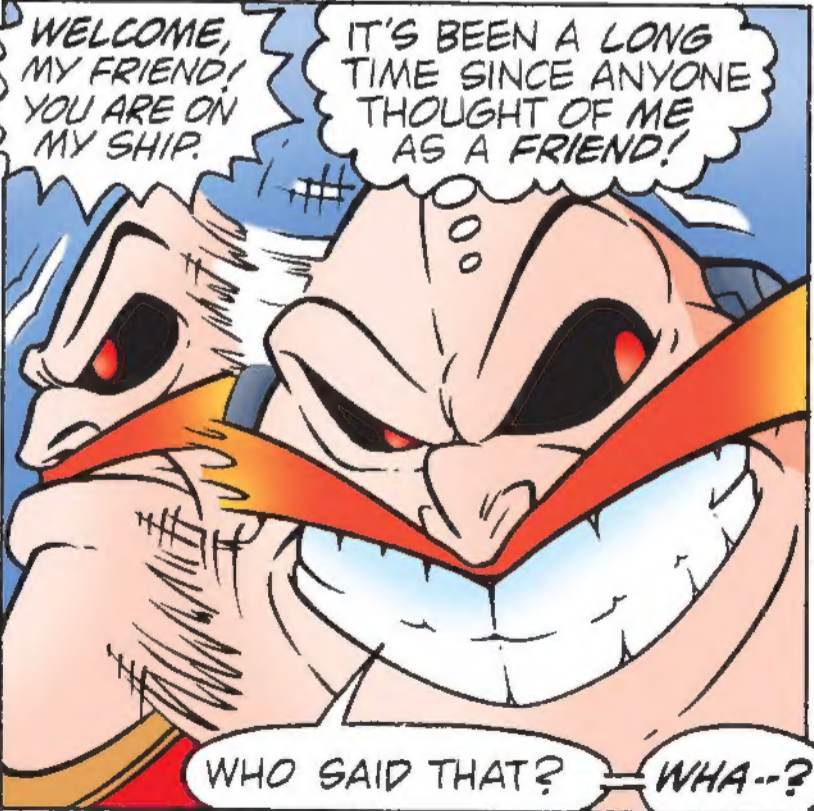


YOU CAN'T-- YOU--EH?

RRRRRRRLLLLLLLLLLLLLSSSSSS



WHERE AM I?



WELCOME, MY FRIEND! YOU ARE ON MY SHIP.

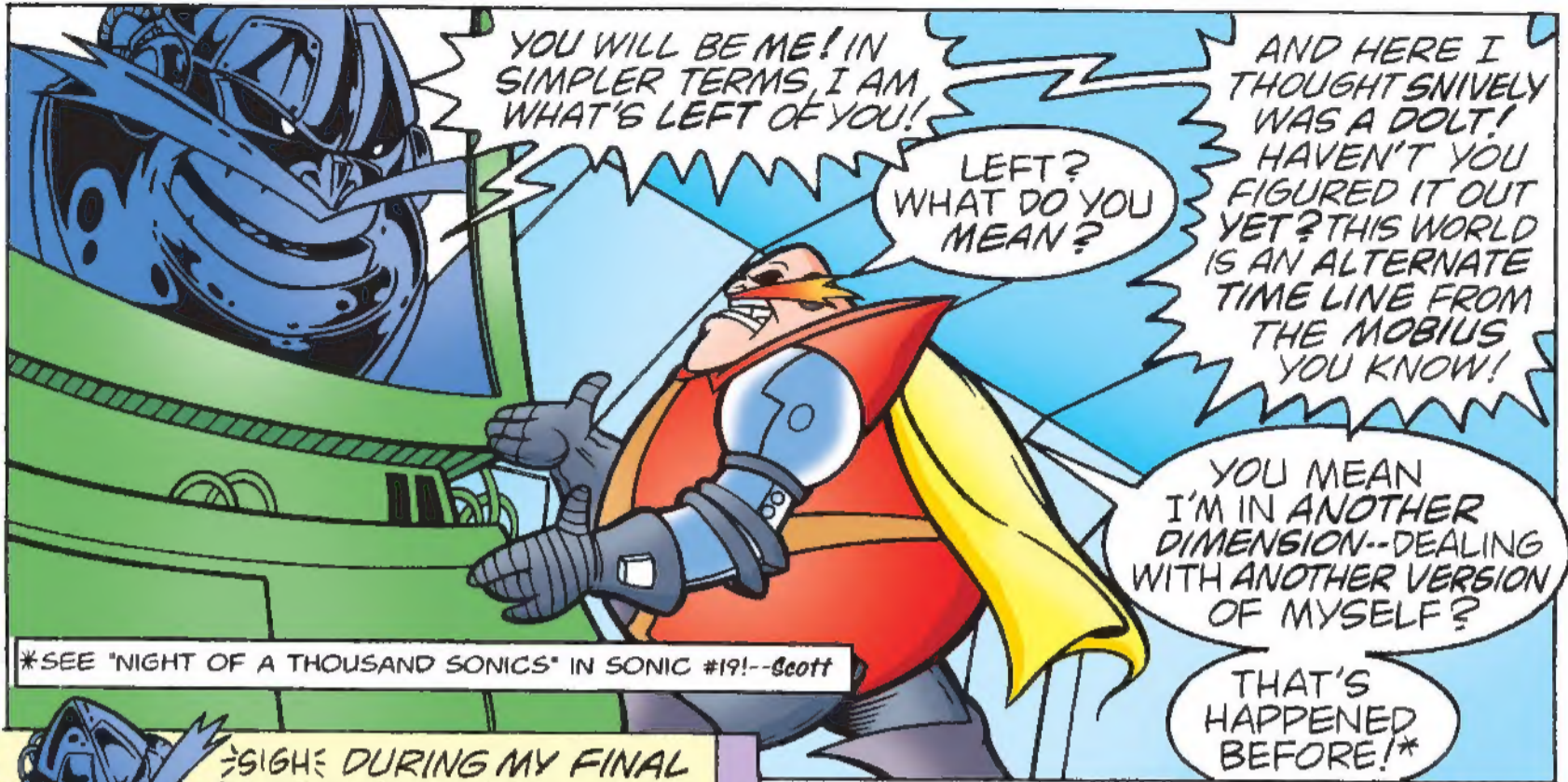
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE ANYONE THOUGHT OF ME AS A FRIEND!

WHO SAID THAT? — WHA--?



IT LOOKS LIKE ME-- ON SOME COMPUTER SCREEN!

I AM YOU!! OR RATHER--



YOU WILL BE ME! IN SIMPLER TERMS, I AM WHAT'S LEFT OF YOU!

LEFT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

AND HERE I THOUGHT SNIVELY WAS A DOLT! HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT YET? THIS WORLD IS AN ALTERNATE TIME LINE FROM THE MOBIUS YOU KNOW!

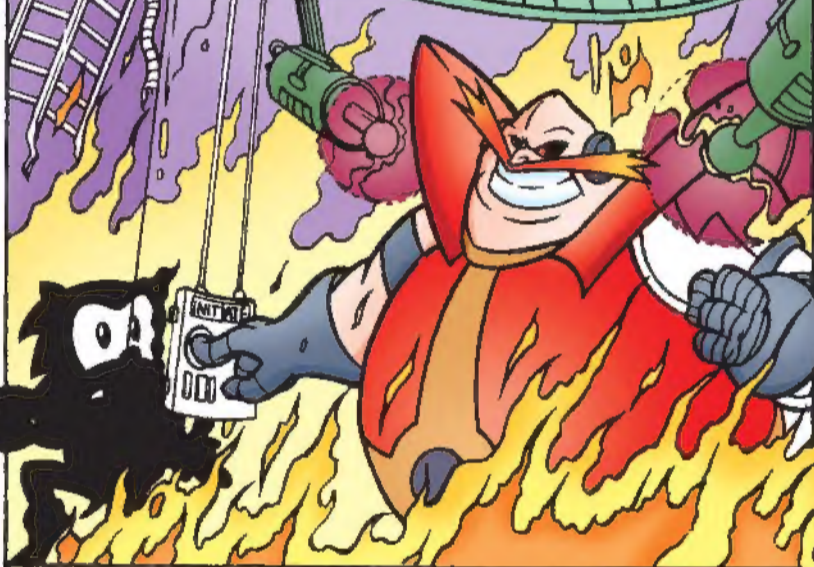
YOU MEAN I'M IN ANOTHER DIMENSION--DEALING WITH ANOTHER VERSION OF MYSELF?

THAT'S HAPPENED BEFORE!*

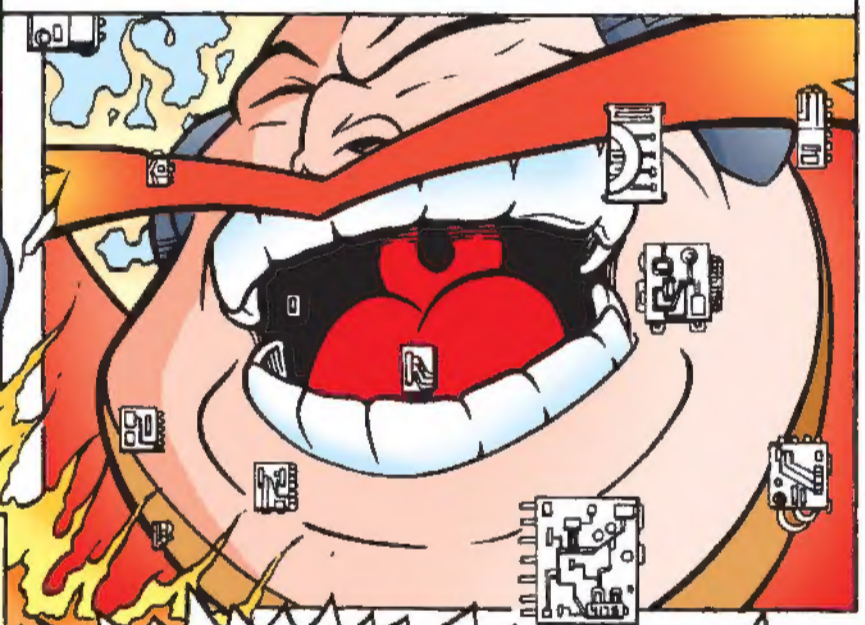
*SEE "NIGHT OF A THOUSAND SONICS" IN SONIC #19!--Scott

SIGH: DURING MY FINAL BATTLE WITH THE HATED HEDGEHOG, I WAS LEFT WITH LITTLE CHOICE--

"I MERELY DELAYED THE INEVITABLE WITH ONE CHANCE REMAINING. I UP-LOADED MY CORE MEMORY TO THIS STATION THAT I HAD DESIGNED AND BUILT WITH OTHER INTENTIONS IN MIND."

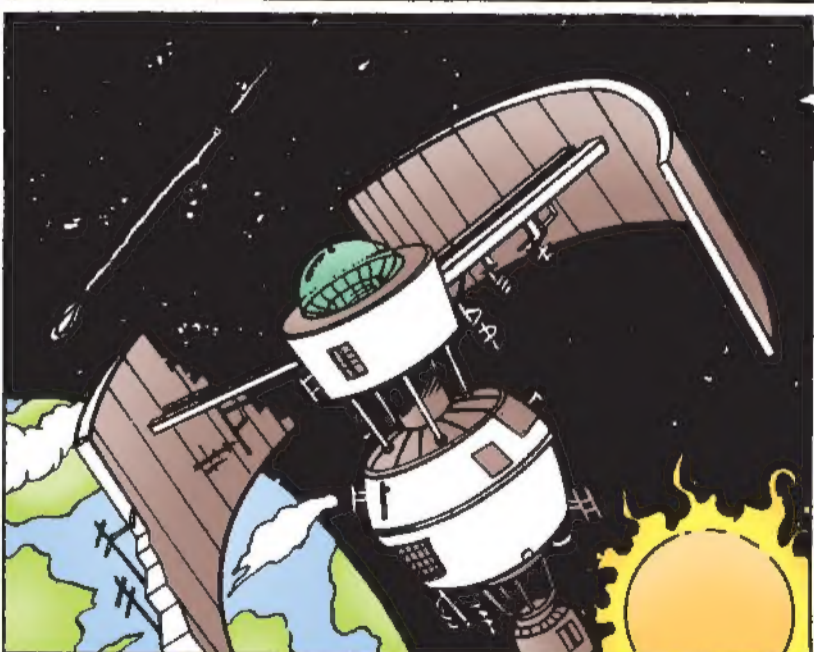


"I HAD TO UNDERGO ROBOTICIZATION IF I WERE TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF OVERPOWERING SONIC."



NOW ALL I CAN DO IS JUST OPERATE THE STATION'S FUNCTIONS UNTIL MY SYSTEMS RUN DOWN!

ALL-- IS LOST!



"UNFORTUNATELY, THE STATION WAS FAR FROM COMPLETE. I MAY HAVE SAVED MYSELF FROM THAT FOOL SONIC, BUT AT AN UNFORESEEN COST."



NEVER!



YOU'VE JUST ONLY LOST ANOTHER BATTLE--AS HAVE I!

BUT THE WAR CONTINUES!

LOOK AT ME! IF YOU REMEMBER, I THOUGHT I WAS JUST OBLITERATED!*

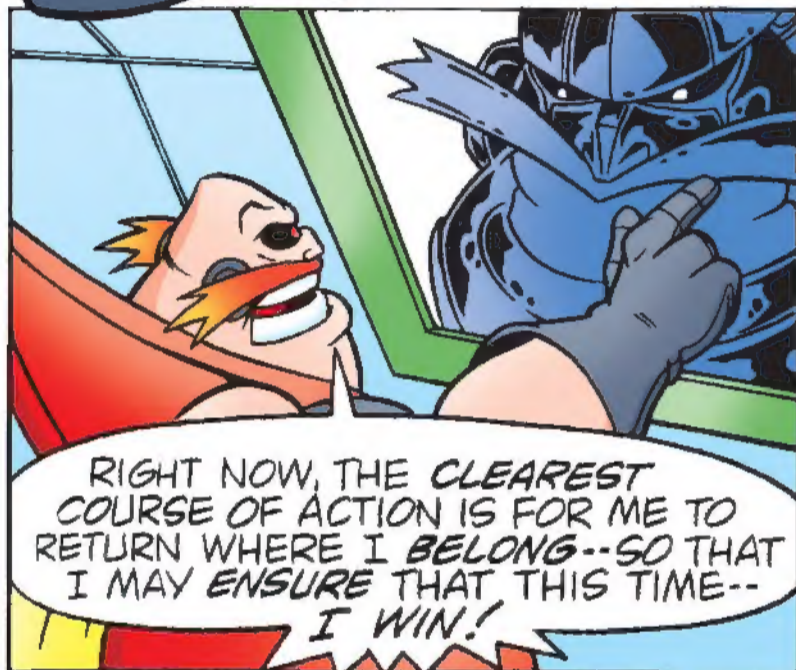


INSTEAD, I WAS FLUNG INTO THIS ALTERNATE TIME LINE BY MY RENEGADE CREATION, E.V.E.!*

I SURVIVE --AND LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY! AND SOMEDAY IN YOUR FUTURE--

--YOU WILL EVOLVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

*AGAIN, SEE LAST ISSUE!--Scott



RIGHT NOW, THE **CLEAREST** COURSE OF ACTION IS FOR ME TO RETURN WHERE I BELONG--SO THAT I MAY ENSURE THAT THIS TIME-- I WIN!

WELL, IF I REVERSE THE POLARITY ON THE FRAMISTAT AND TWEAK THE TOLERANCES A TAD ON THIS DOOHICKEY...



ANY IDEAS HOW I CAN JUMP ONTO THE TRANS-DIMENSIONAL HIGHWAY*TO HOME?

*LAST SEEN IN SONIC #19--Scott



VOILA!

GOOD LUCK ... AND "MAY THE FORCE OF EVIL BE WITH YOU!"

RETURN

PART 2

EASY WITH THAT,
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG!

ONE WRONG MOVE AND WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD HAPPEN!

THIS STUFF IS STILL DANGEROUS!

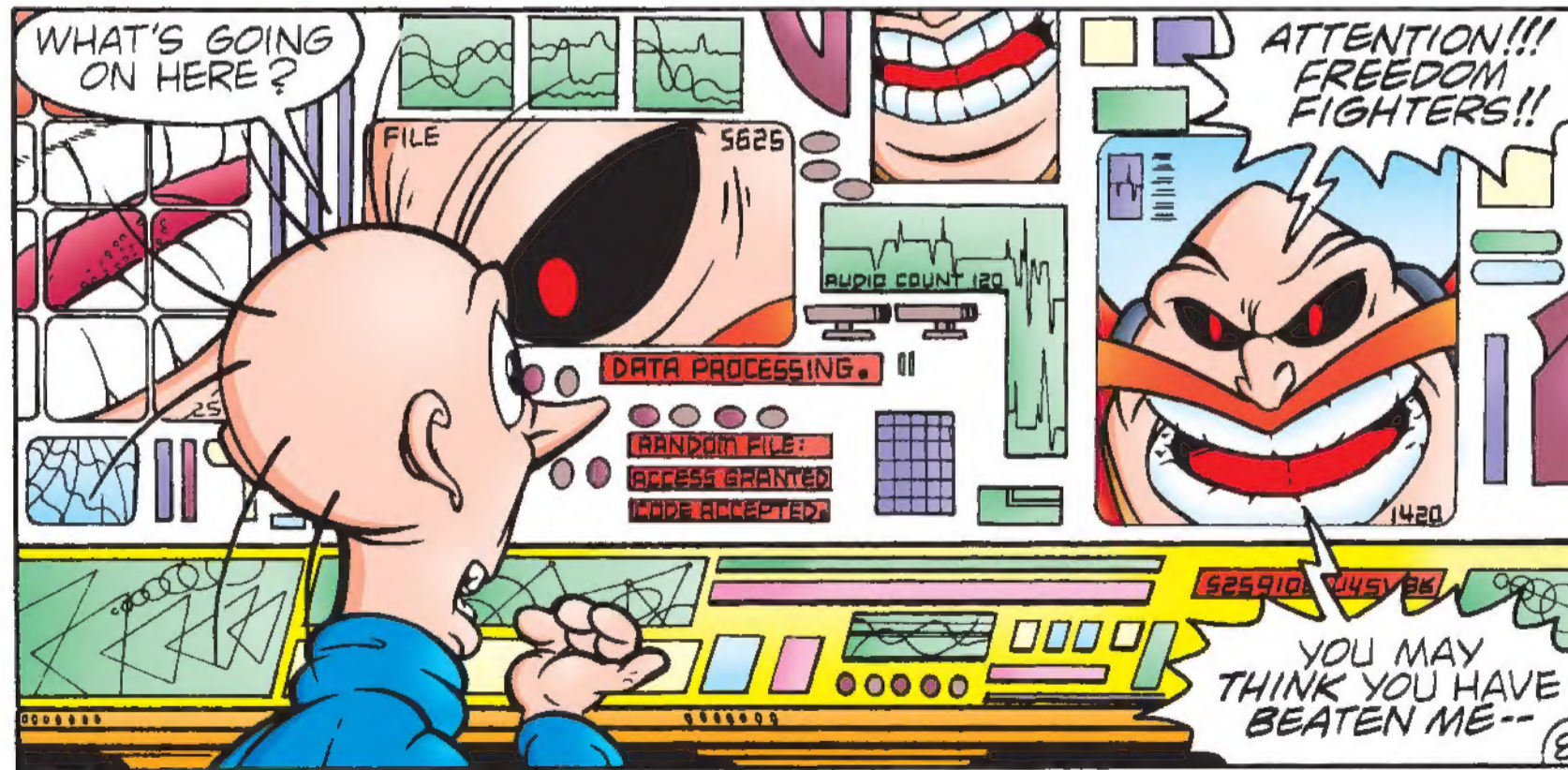
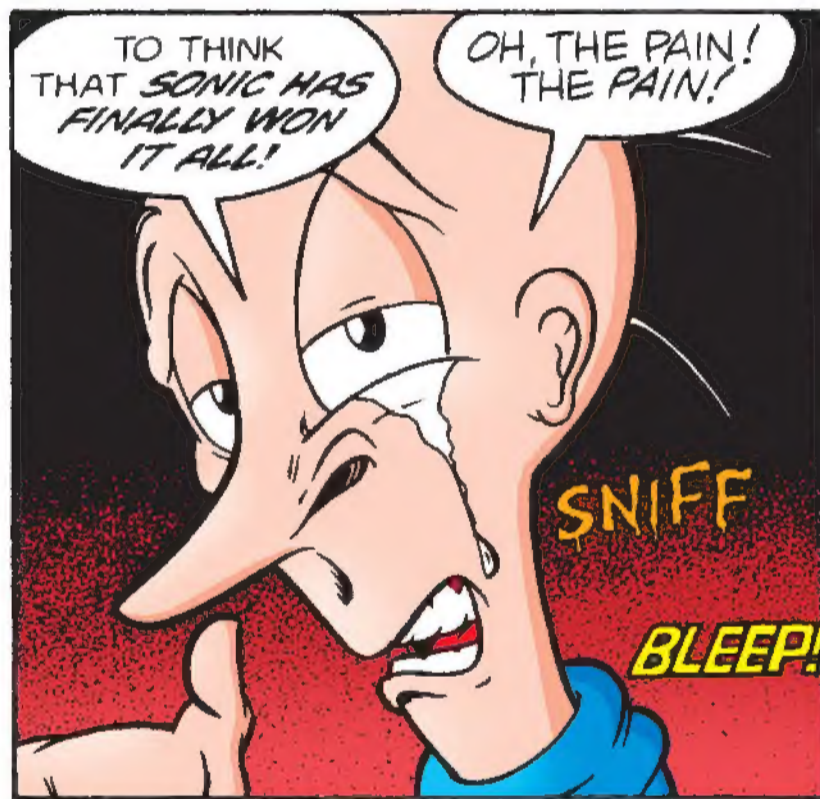
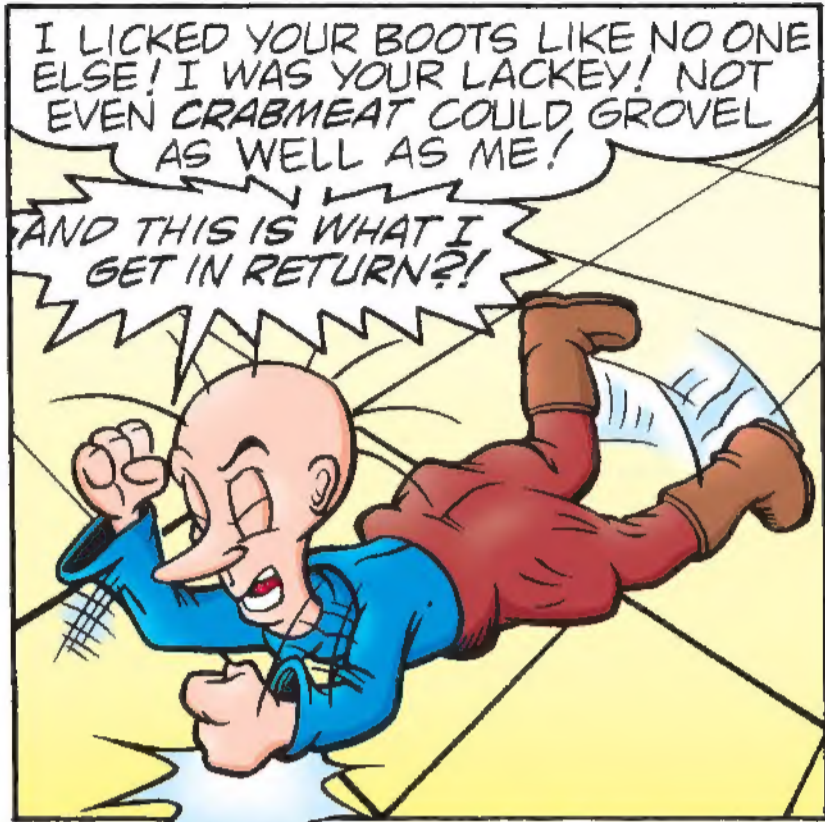
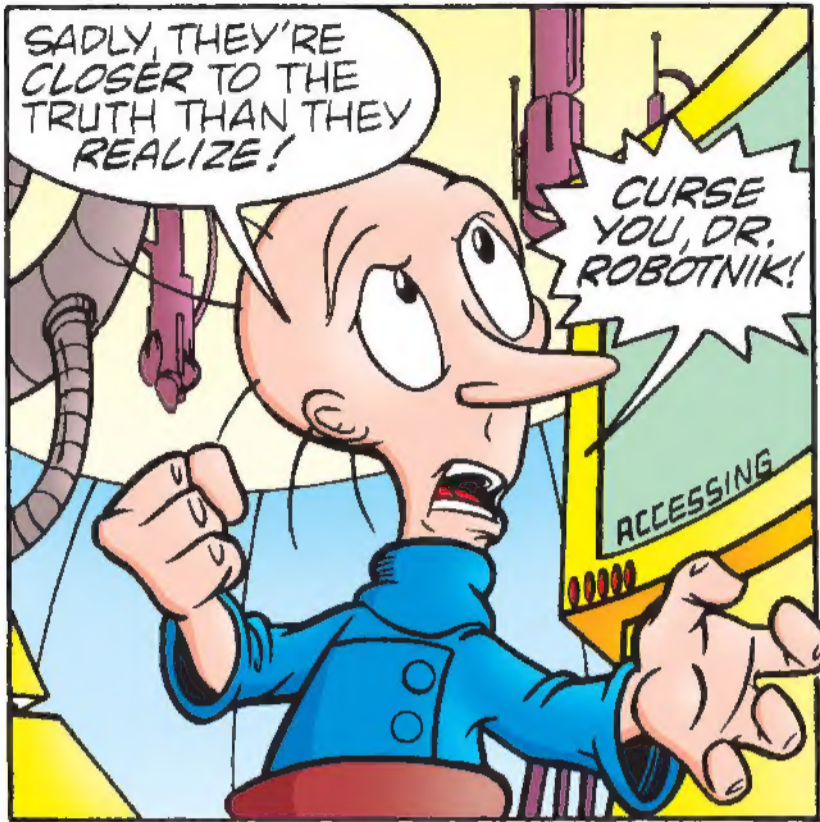
C'MON, ROTOR!
IT'S ONLY CRATES OF SWATBOT PARTS!

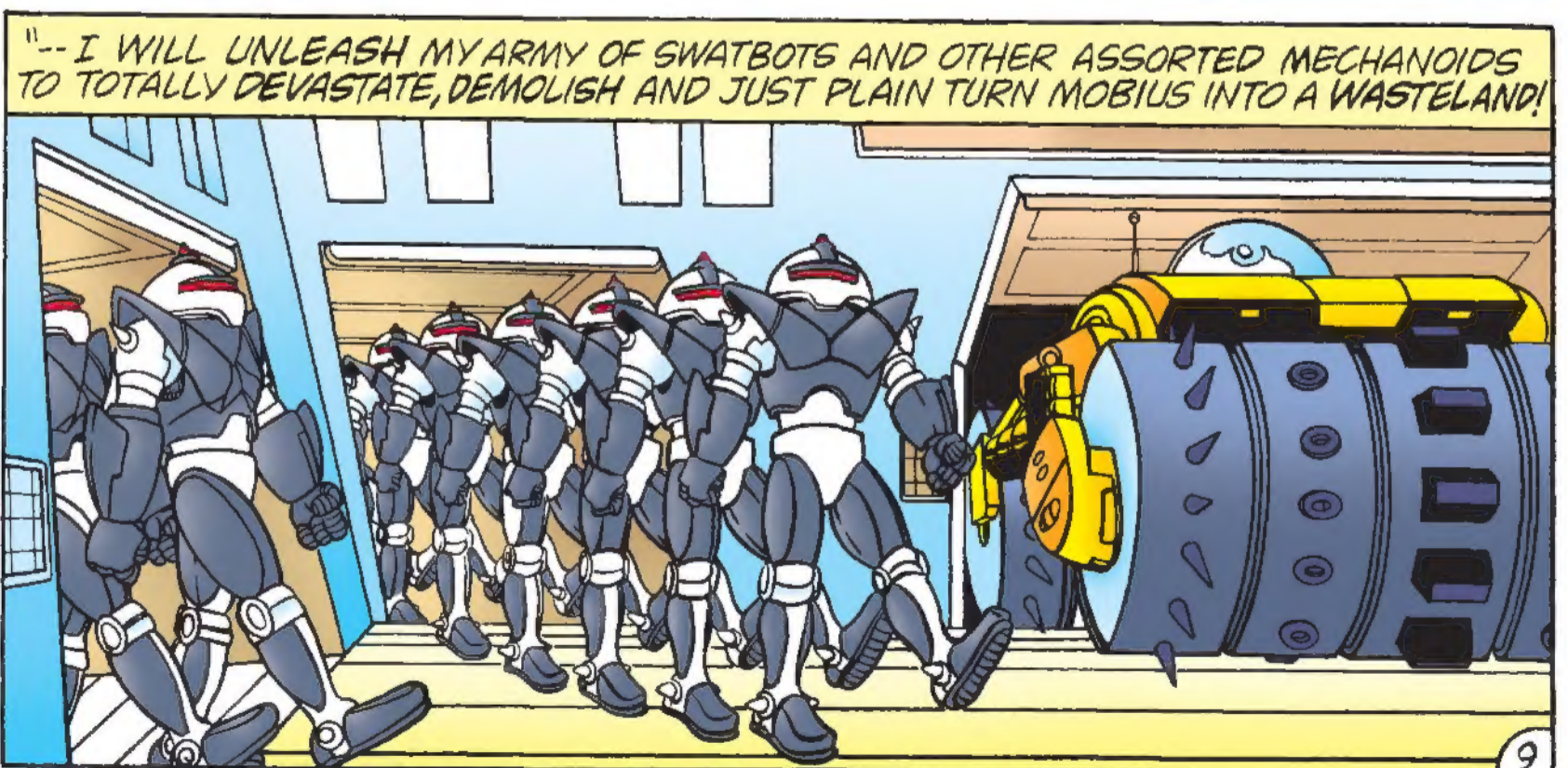
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT, ROTOR!

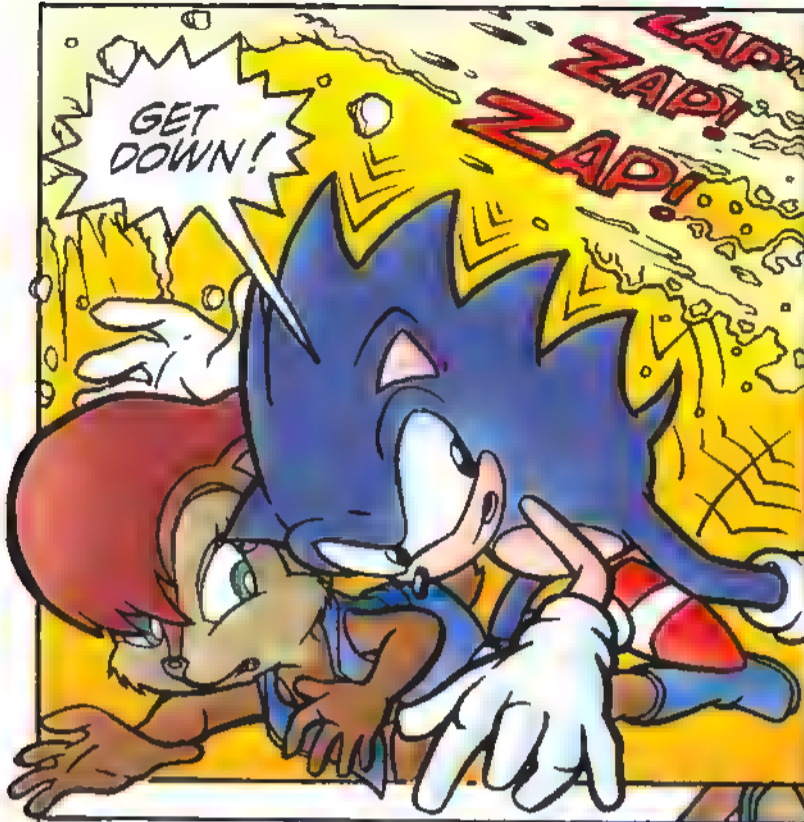
ROBOTNIK MAY BE GONE, BUT SNIVELY SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP THINGS GOING!

THAT DEPENDS, PRINCESS--

-- ON HOW MUCH INFORMATION OL' DOC ROBOTNIK TRUSTED HIM WITH!







GET DOWN!

ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP!

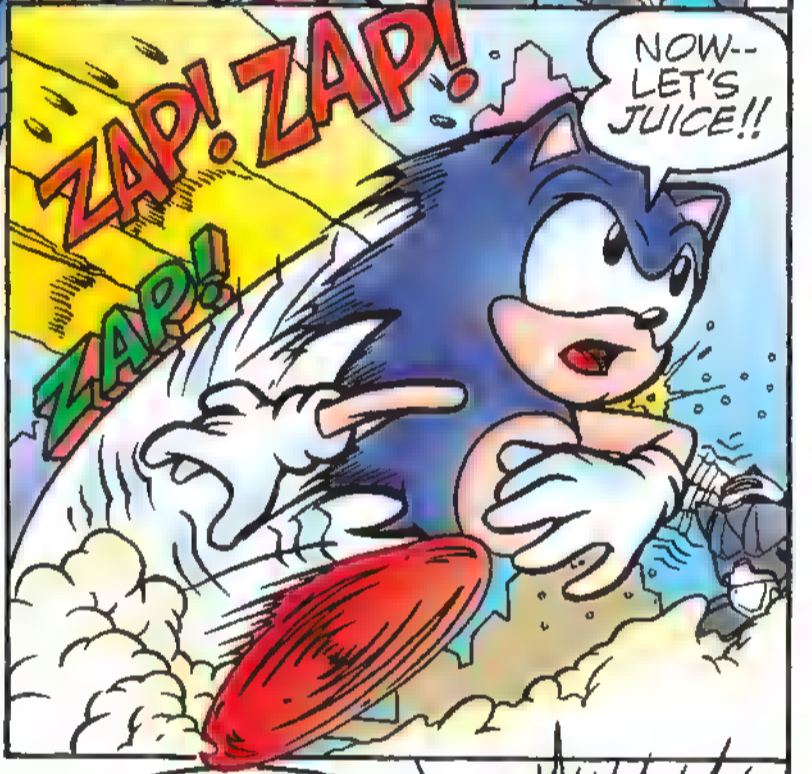


ZAP!

WE NEED A PLAN! WE CAN'T HIDE HERE FOREVER!

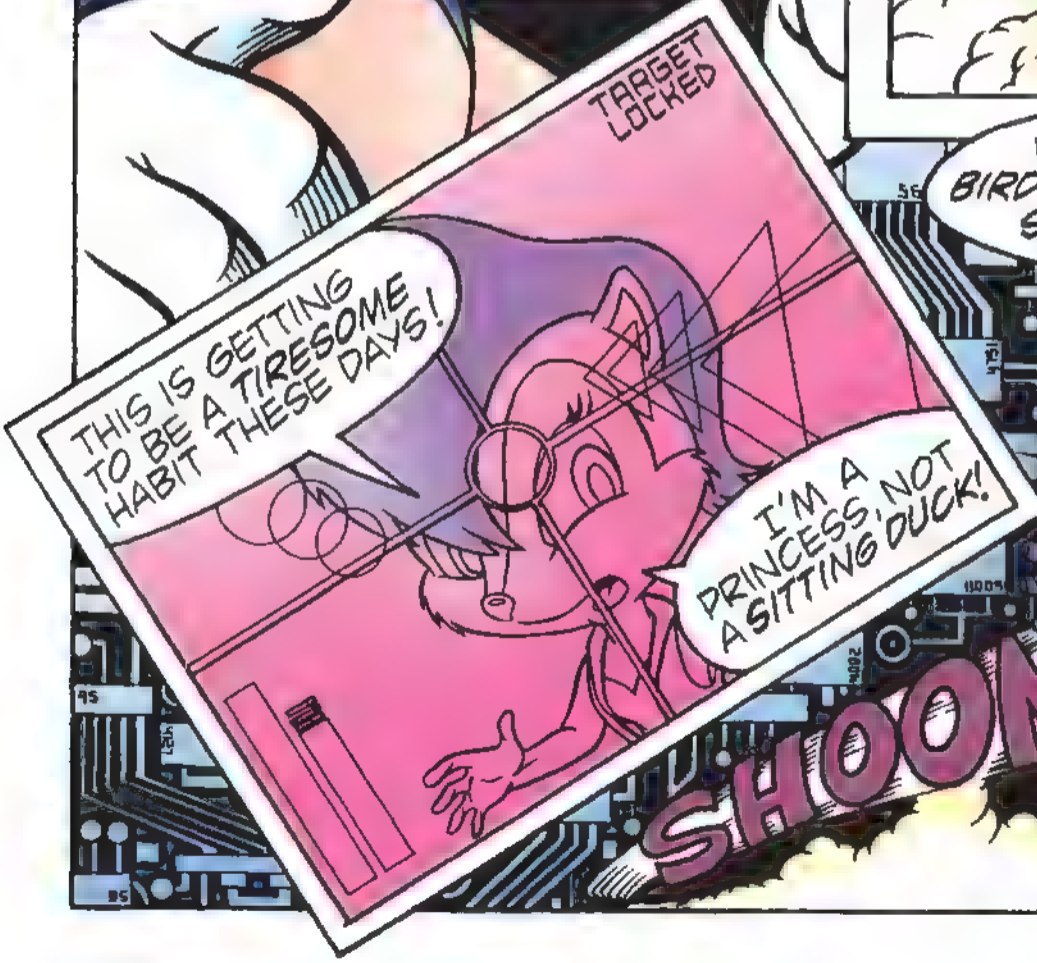


OKAY, YOU DISTRACT 'IM, SAL -- WHILE I STRUT MY SUPER SONIC STUFF!



ZAP! ZAP!
ZAP!

NOW-- LET'S JUICE!!



TARGET LOCKED

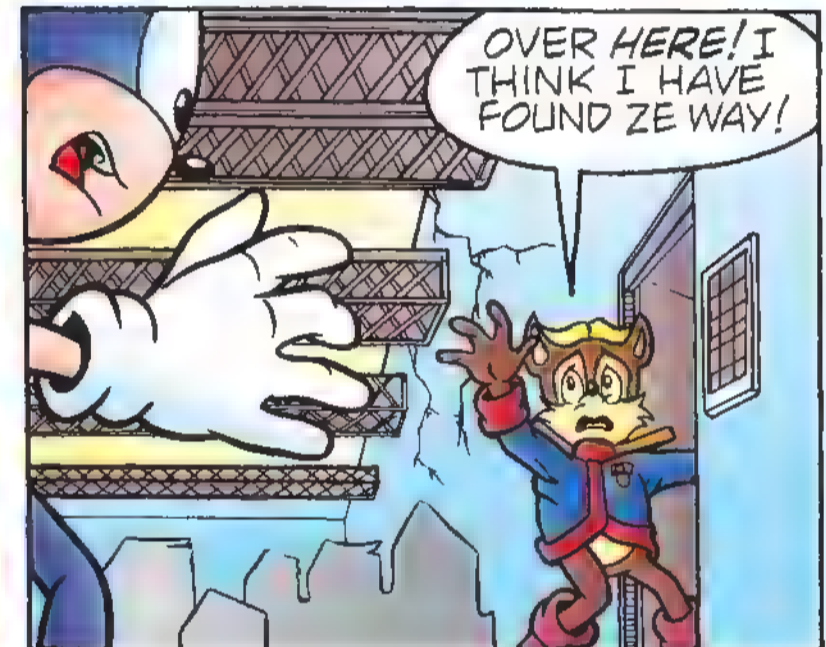
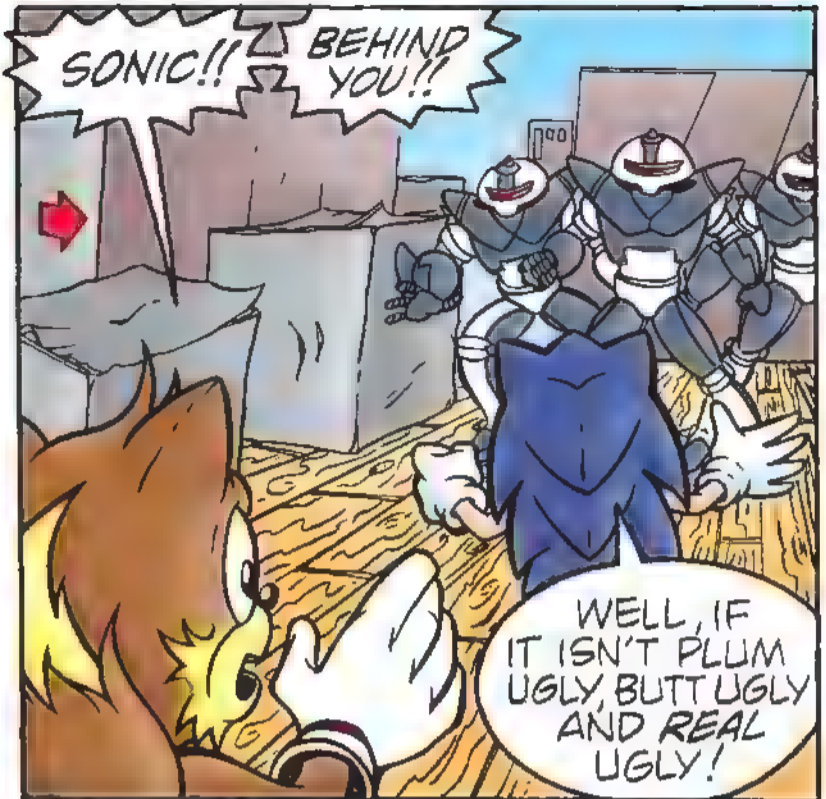
THIS IS GETTING TO BE A TIRESOME HABIT THESE DAYS!

I'M A PRINCESS, NOT A SITTING DUCK!

WELL, THIS BIRD IS JUST PLAIN SCRAPPED!

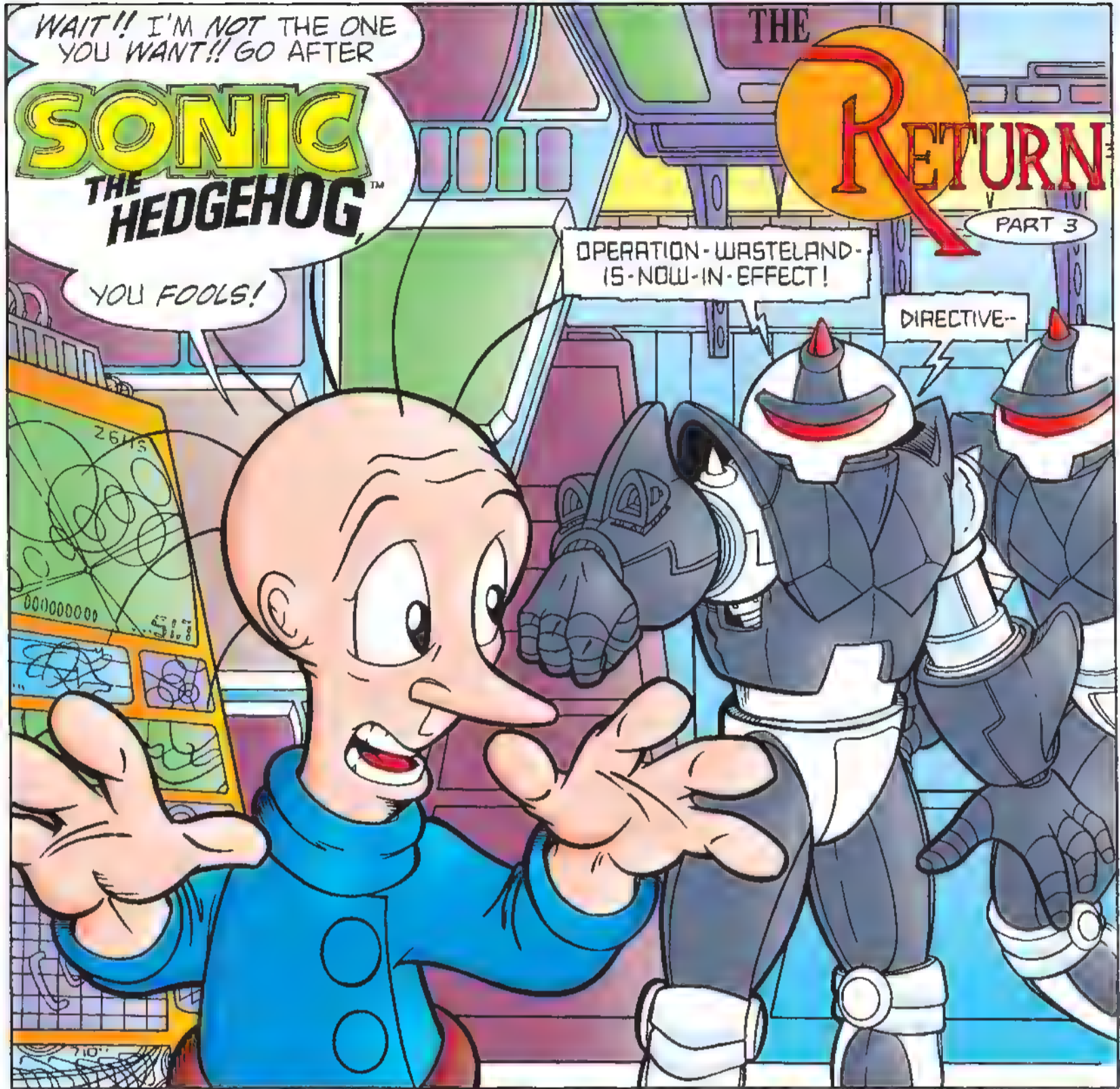
SHOOOM





ATTENTION! OPERATION: WASTELAND SHALL NOW COMMENCE! ATTENTION! OPERATION: WASTELAND





WAIT!! I'M NOT THE ONE YOU WANT!! GO AFTER

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

YOU FOOLS!

THE RETURN

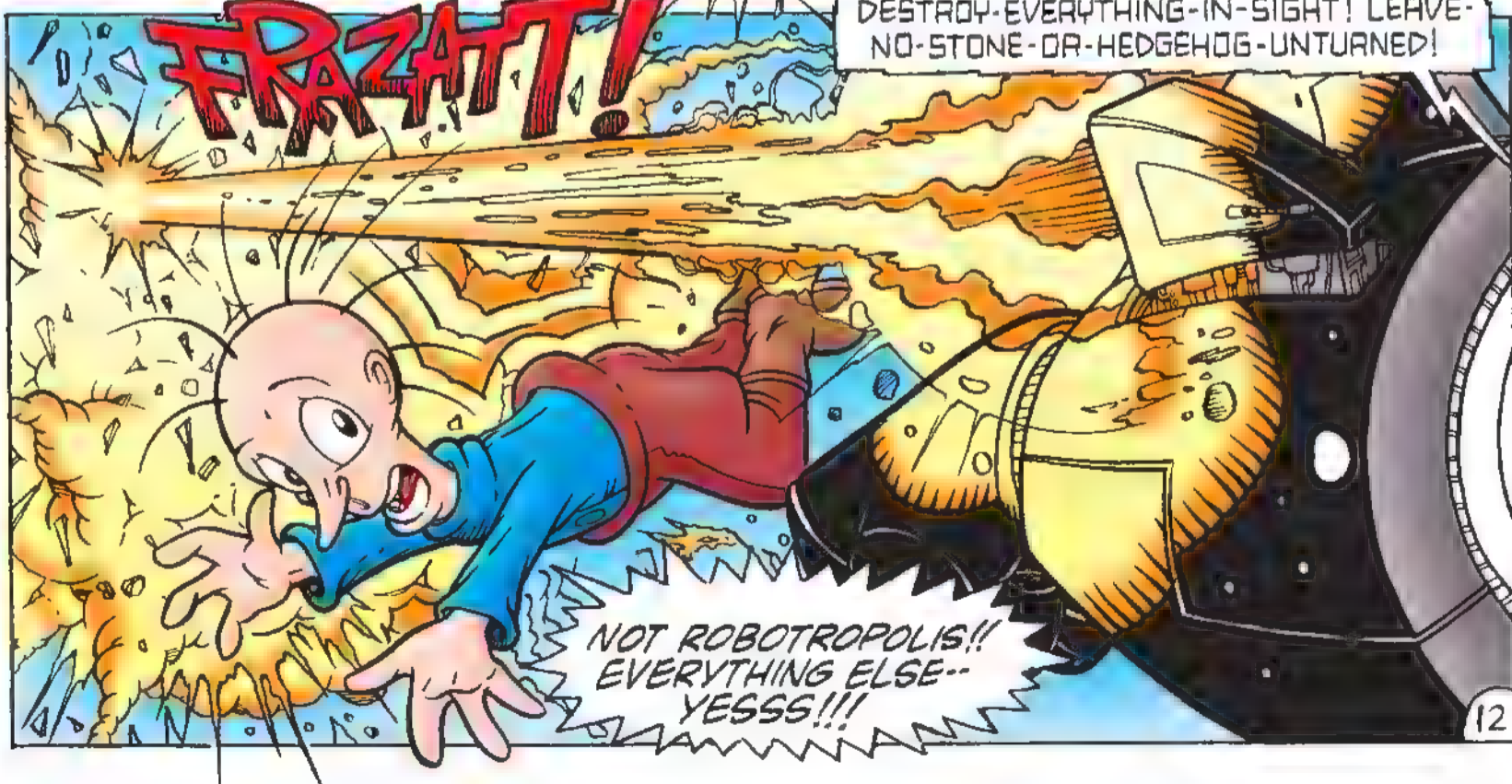
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OPERATION-WASTELAND-IS-NOW-IN-EFFECT!

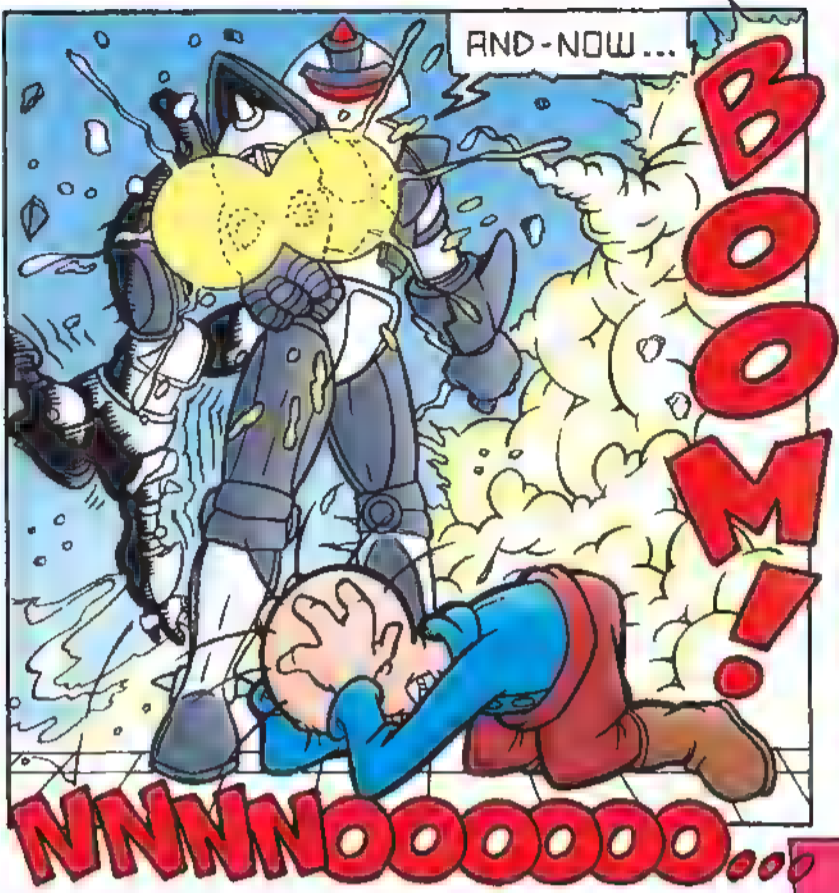
DIRECTIVE--

FRAZZT!

DESTROY-EVERYTHING-IN-SIGHT! LEAVE-NO-STONE-OR-HEDGEHOG-UNTURNUED!



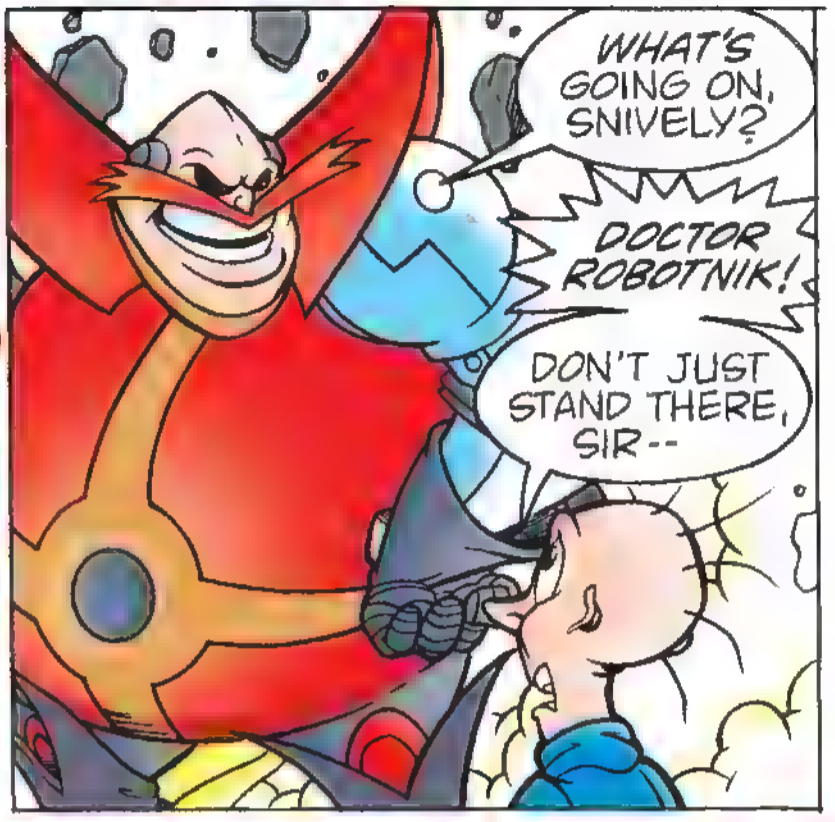
NOT ROBOTROPOLIS!! EVERYTHING ELSE-- YESSS!!!



AND-NOW...

BOOM!

NNNNNOOOOOO...



WHAT'S GOING ON, SNIVELY?

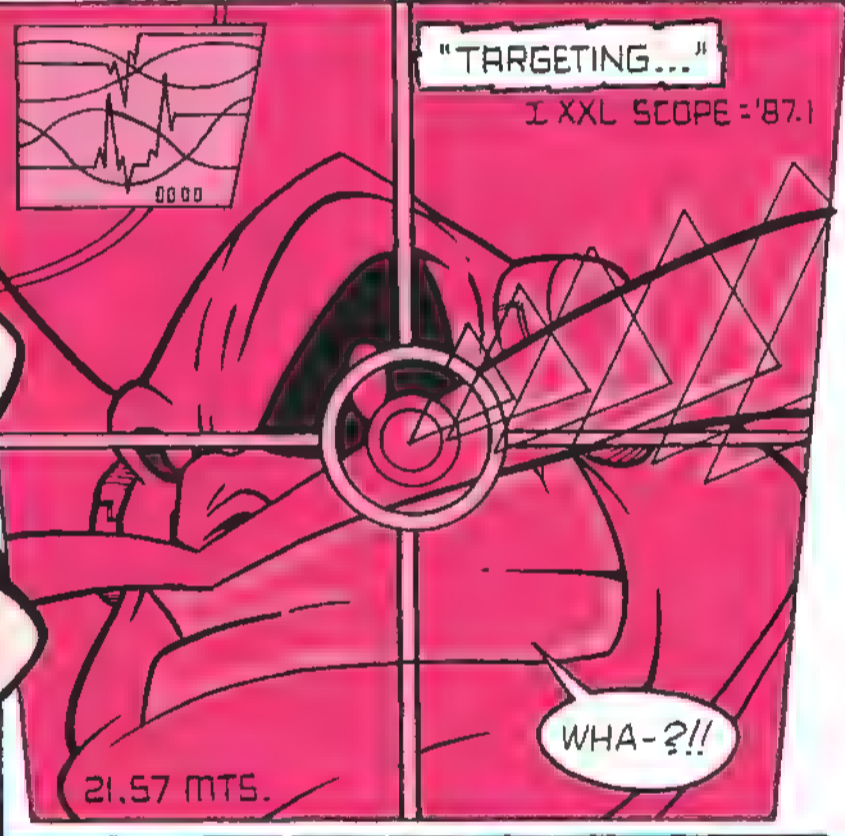
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE, SIR--



I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE FOR MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES, CAN I?

--DEACTIVATE THEM!



"TARGETING..."

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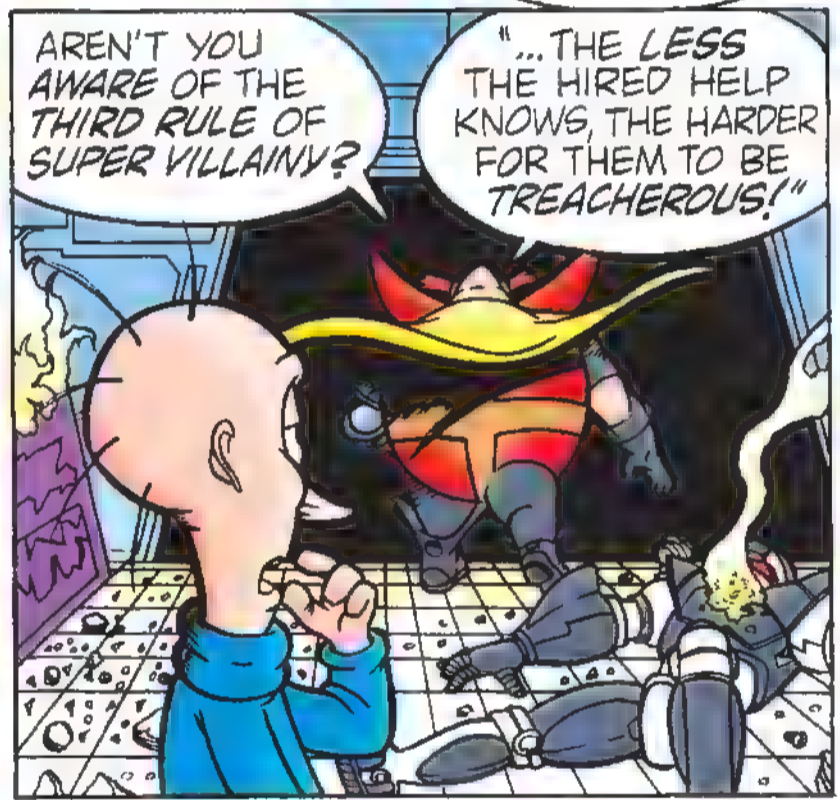
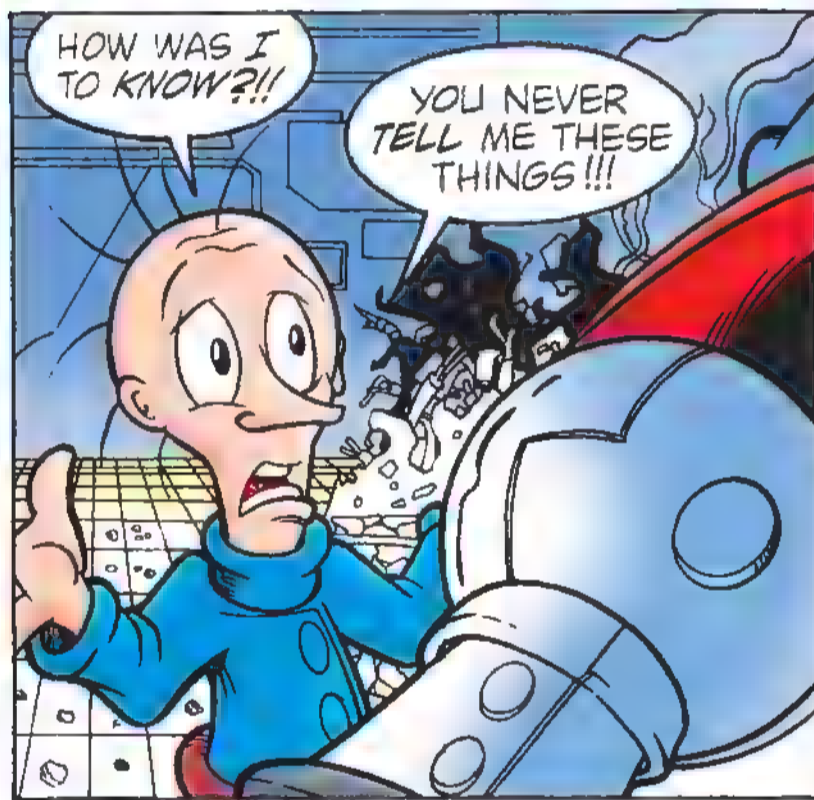
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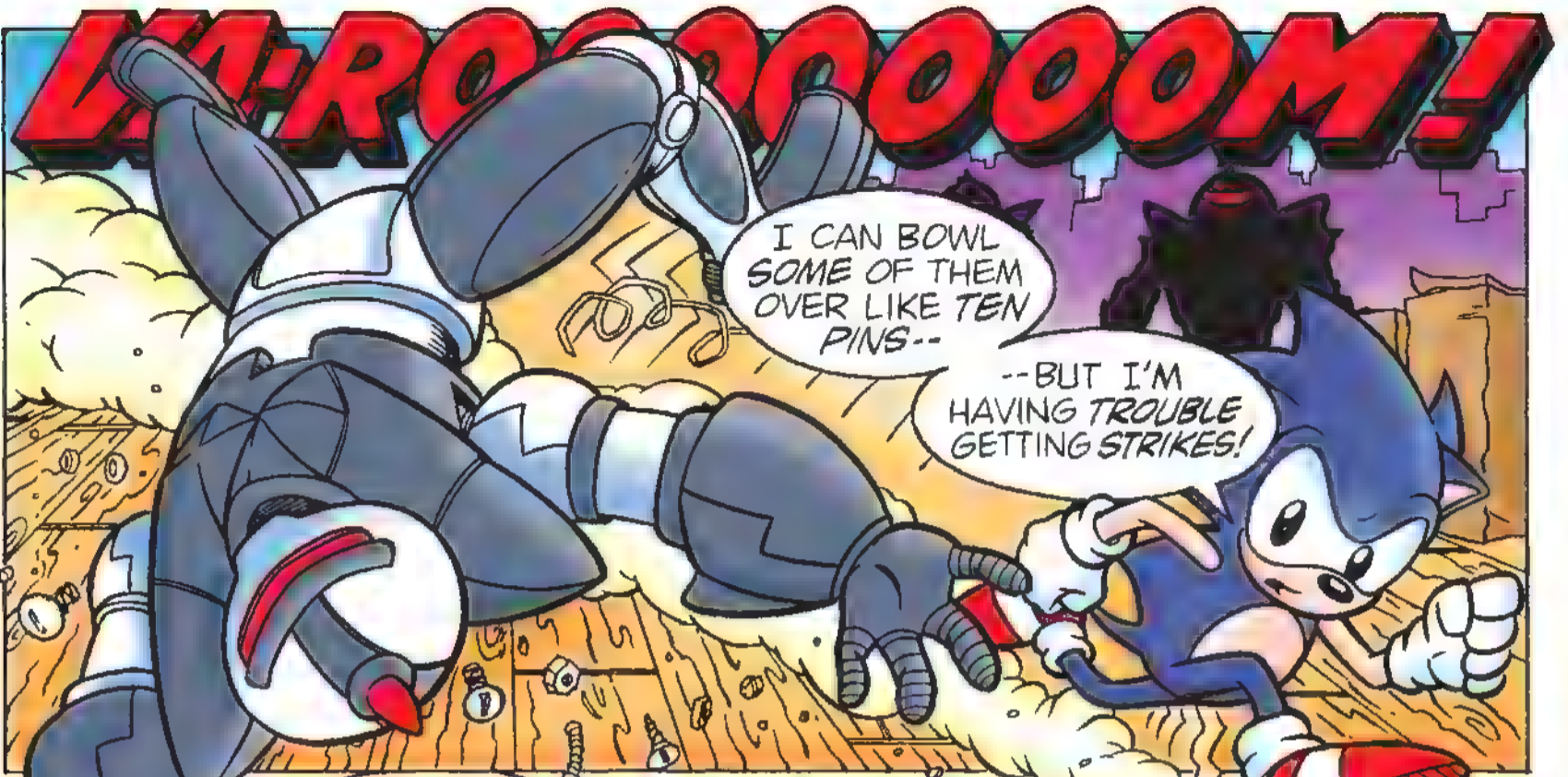
WHA-?!!



YOU DARE AIM AT YOUR MASTER?!

YEAH! EAT LASER FIRE, SILICON BREATH!!!





I CAN BOWL SOME OF THEM OVER LIKE TEN PINS--

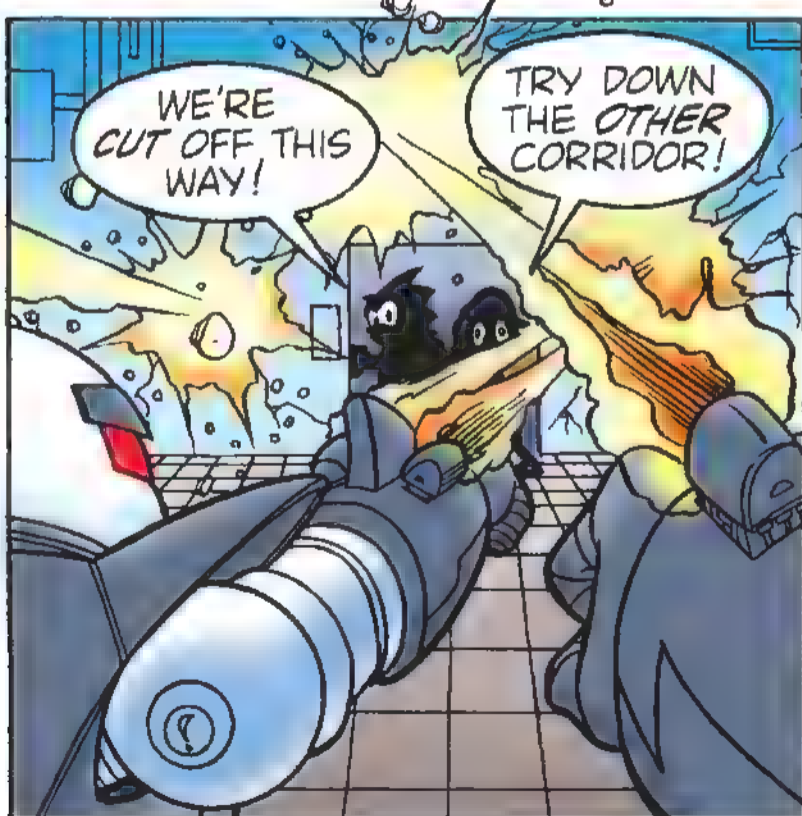
--BUT I'M HAVING TROUBLE GETTING STRIKES!



THERE'S JUST TOO MANY OF THEM, SAL!

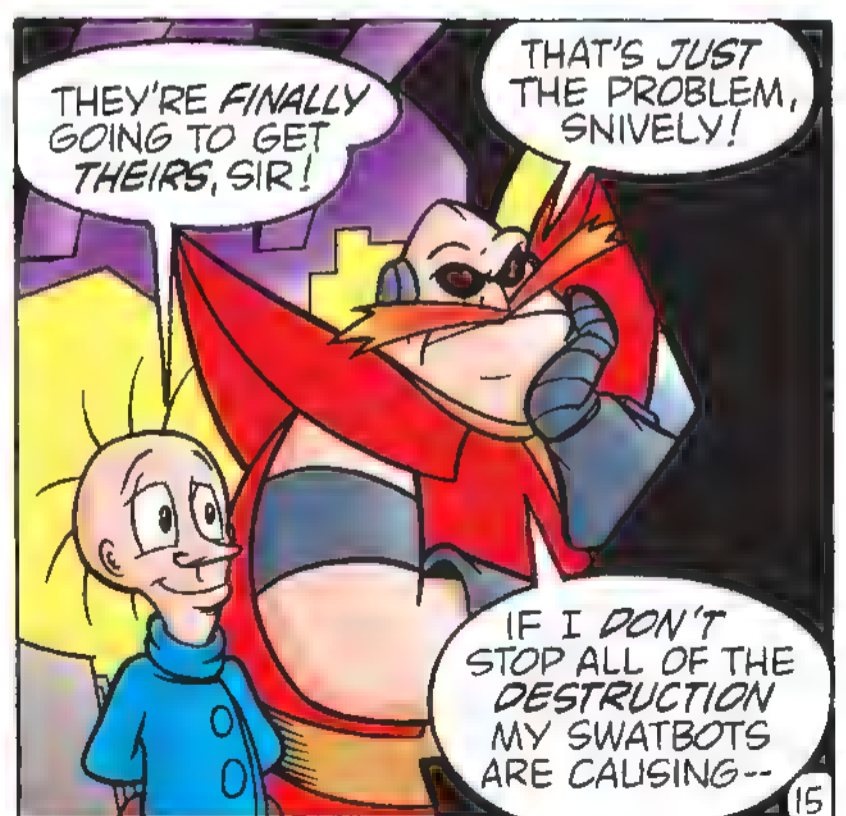


EVERYBODY, CLEAR OUT!



WE'RE CUT OFF THIS WAY!

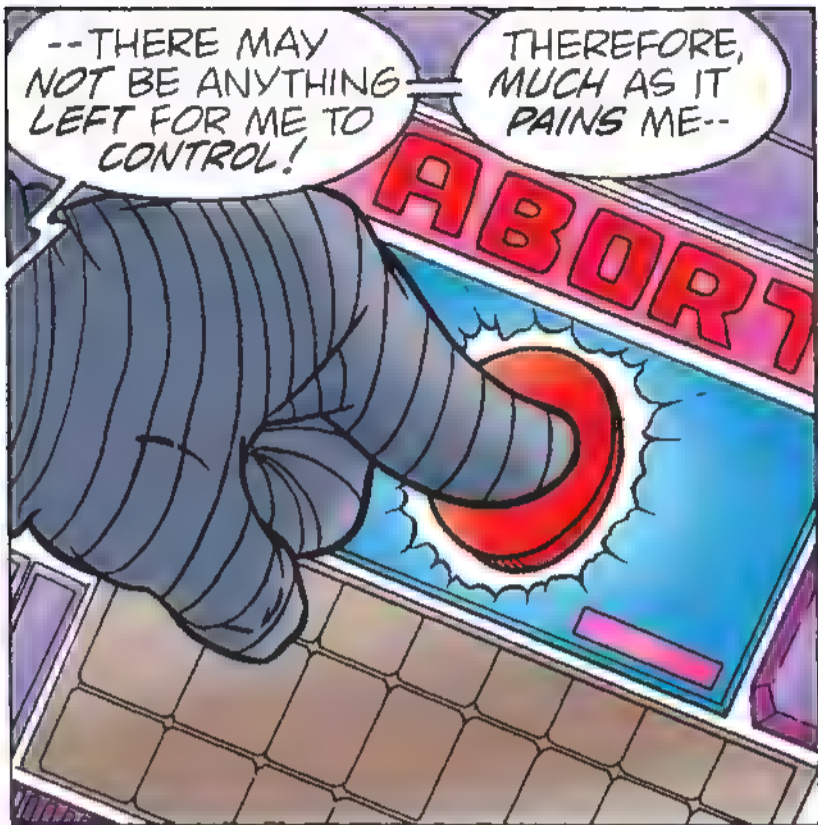
TRY DOWN THE OTHER CORRIDOR!



THEY'RE FINALLY GOING TO GET THEIRS, SIR!

THAT'S JUST THE PROBLEM, SNIVELY!

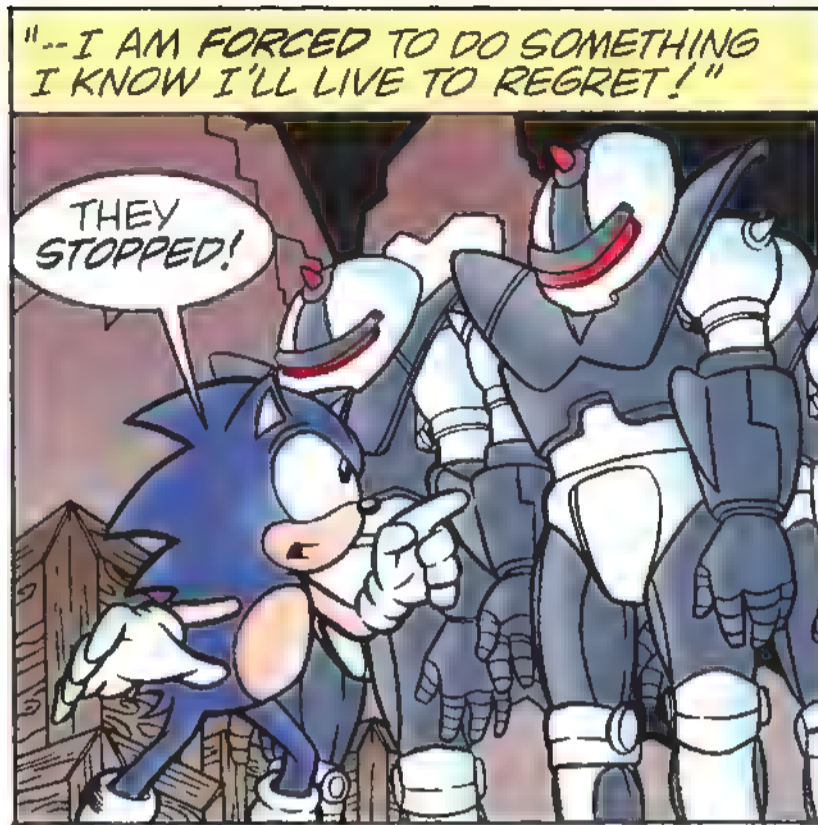
IF I DON'T STOP ALL OF THE DESTRUCTION MY SWATBOTS ARE CAUSING--



--THERE MAY NOT BE ANYTHING LEFT FOR ME TO CONTROL!

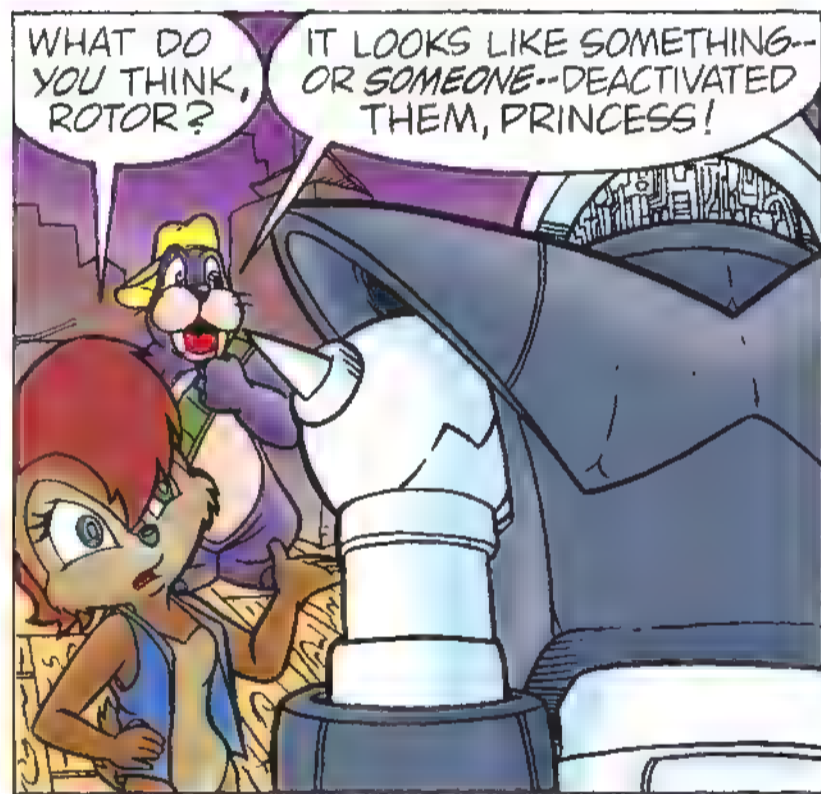
THEREFORE, MUCH AS IT PAINS ME--

ABORT



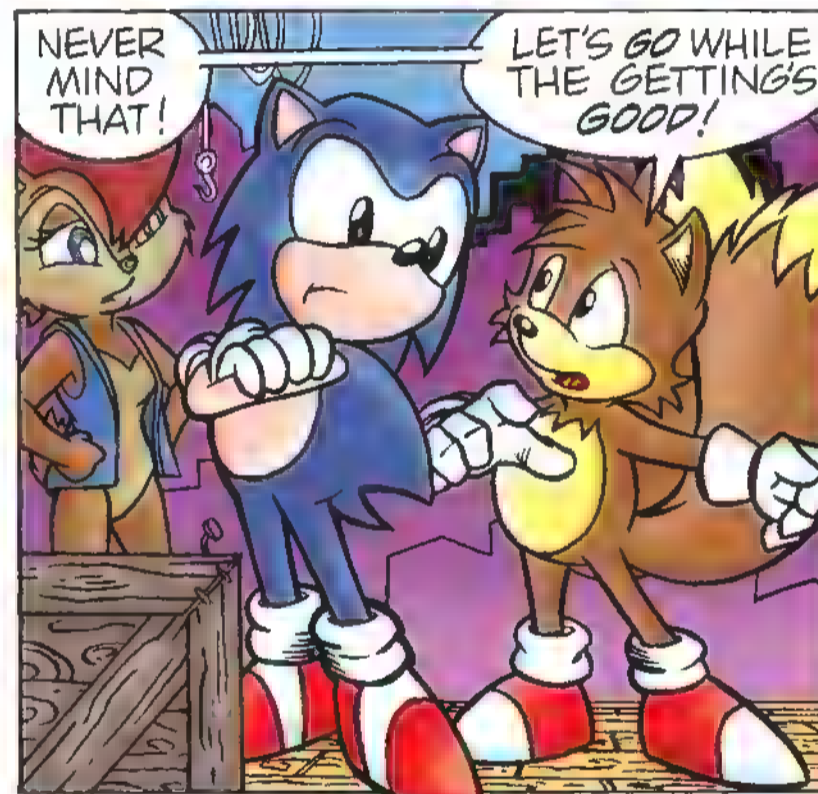
"--I AM FORCED TO DO SOMETHING I KNOW I'LL LIVE TO REGRET!"

THEY STOPPED!



WHAT DO YOU THINK, ROTOR?

IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING-- OR SOMEONE--DEACTIVATED THEM, PRINCESS!



NEVER MIND THAT!

LET'S GO WHILE THE GETTING'S GOOD!



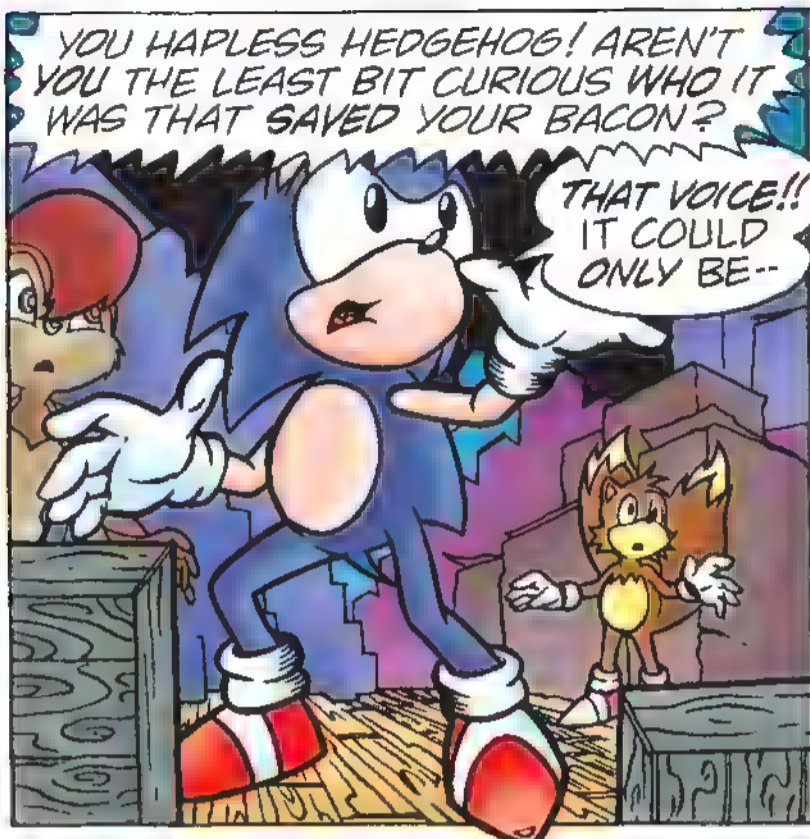
CAN YOU IMAGINE IF THAT BLUE-FURRED BOOB KNEW THAT HE OWED HIS LIFE TO THE GENEROSITY OF HIS GREATEST ENEMY?

ACTUALLY, SNIVELY--



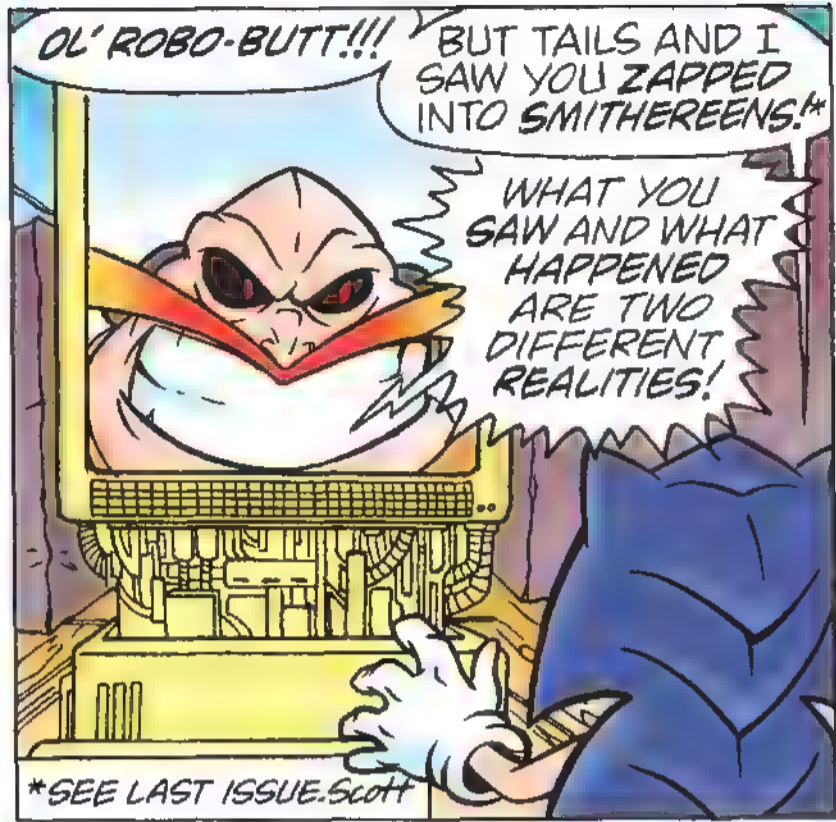
--YOUR "QUESTION" TRANSLATES INTO AN EXCELLENT STRATEGY!

LETTING SONIC STEW OVER THAT THOUGHT SHOULD CRIPPLE HIS EGO!



YOU HAPLESS HEDGEHOG! AREN'T YOU THE LEAST BIT CURIOUS WHO IT WAS THAT SAVED YOUR BACON?

THAT VOICE!! IT COULD ONLY BE--



OL' ROBO-BUTT!!! BUT TAILS AND I SAW YOU ZAPPED INTO SMITHEREENS!*

WHAT YOU SAW AND WHAT HAPPENED ARE TWO DIFFERENT REALITIES!

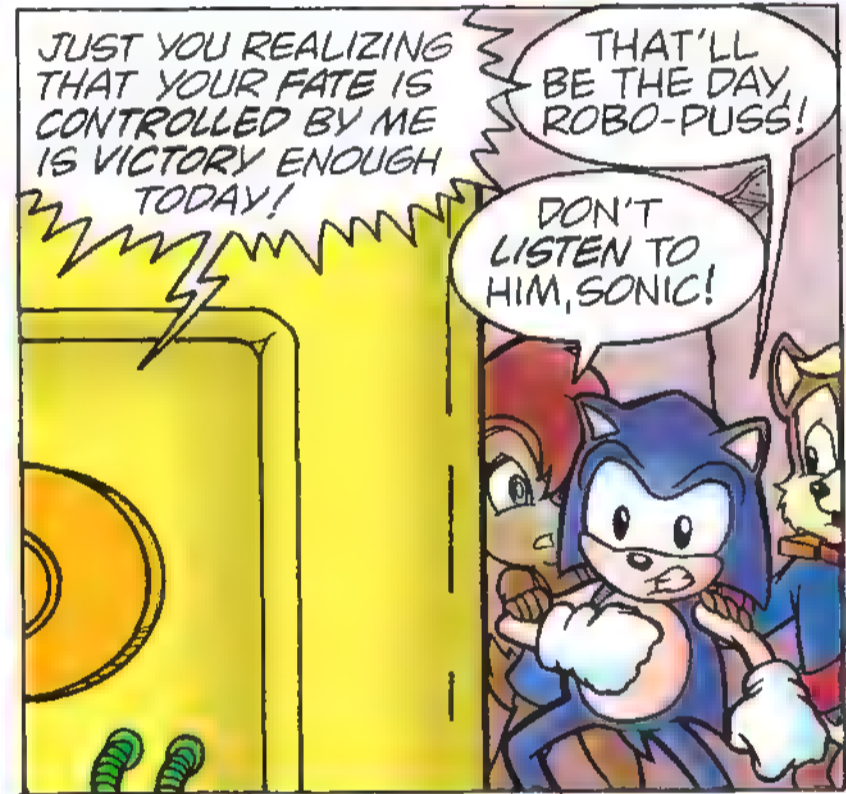
*SEE LAST ISSUE. SCOTT



I'M VERY MUCH ALIVE AND KICKING!

AND I WANTED THE SATISFACTION OF SEEING YOUR FACE KNOWING IT WAS I WHO SAVED YOUR MISERABLE NECK!

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME? A MEDAL?



JUST YOU REALIZING THAT YOUR FATE IS CONTROLLED BY ME IS VICTORY ENOUGH TODAY!

THAT'LL BE THE DAY, ROBO-PUSS!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, SONIC!



THE GAME IS OVER-- FOR NOW.

YOU MAY LEAVE THROUGH THAT DOOR.

BUT NEXT TIME--



-- WILL BE OF MY OWN CHOOSING, HEDGEHOG.

WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT.



THERE HAS BEEN NO GAIN-- THERE HAS BEEN NO LOSS! WE SHALL LIVE TO FIGHT-- ANOTHER DAY!

END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

in **TAILS' KNIGHTTIME STORY!**



I'M SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
RACING TO THE
RESCUE!

ZOOM

TAILS!

BING!

SCRIPT: ANGELO DECESARE PENCILS: DAVE MANAK INKS: JON DAGASTINO LETTERS: BILL YOSHIDA

PLEASE PUT
YOURSELF IN A
HOLDING PATTERN,
TAILS! IT'S
BEDTIME, NOT
PLAYTIME!

SORRY, SALLY! I WAS JUST
PRETENDING TO BE MY
HERO SONIC!

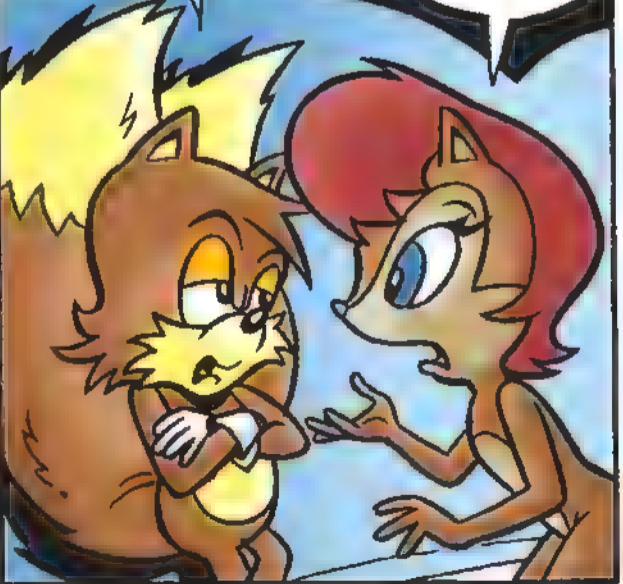
TO: TAILS
FROM YOUR HERO, SONIC!



SONIC The HEDGEHOG!

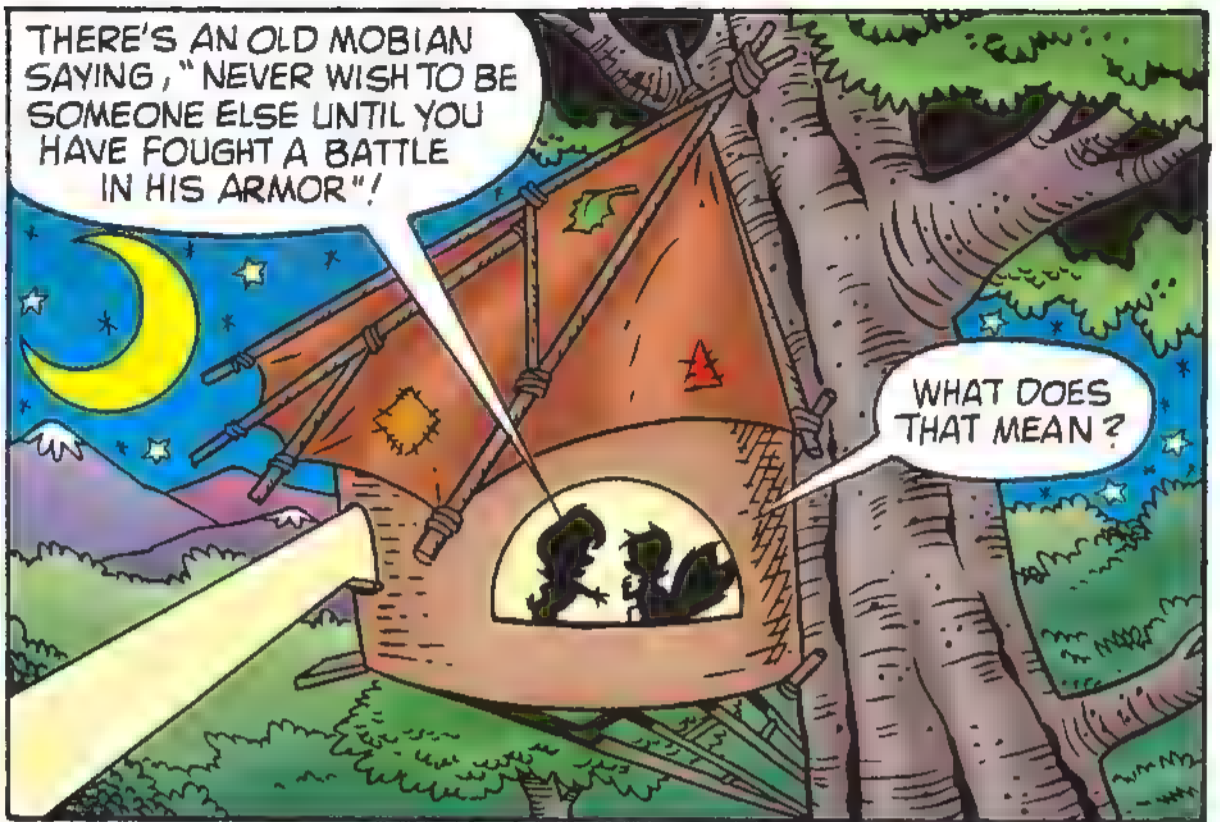
SONIC'S LIFE IS *NON-STOP FUN*
AND EXCITEMENT! WHILE SOME-
TIMES I GET IN ON THE ACTION, I
MOSTLY STAY HERE AND GET
"BABY-SAT"!

BUT,
TAILS...



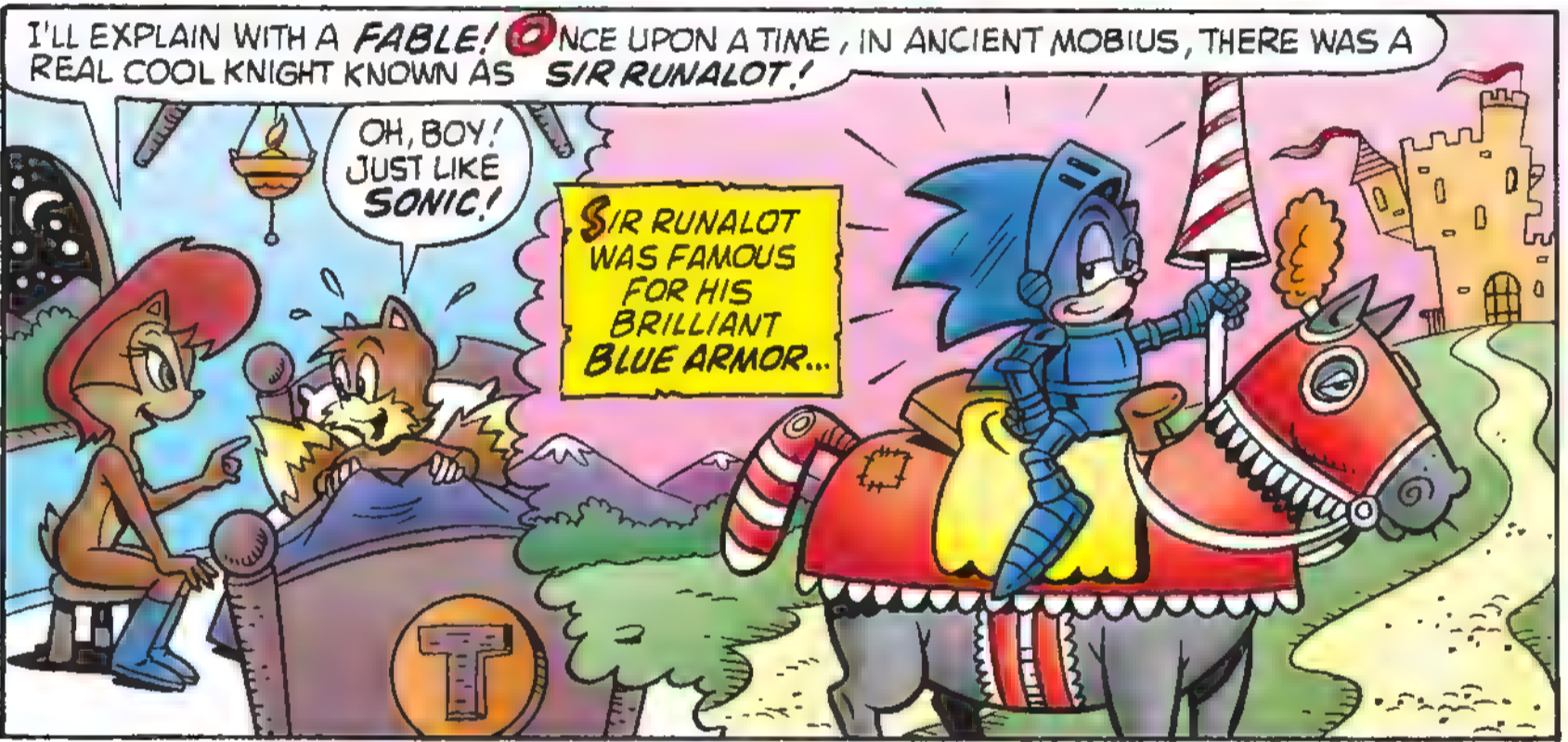


...SONIC'S LIFE IS FILLED WITH DANGER AND HARD WORK! IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE FUN TO YOU!



THERE'S AN OLD MOBIAN SAYING, "NEVER WISH TO BE SOMEONE ELSE UNTIL YOU HAVE FOUGHT A BATTLE IN HIS ARMOR"!

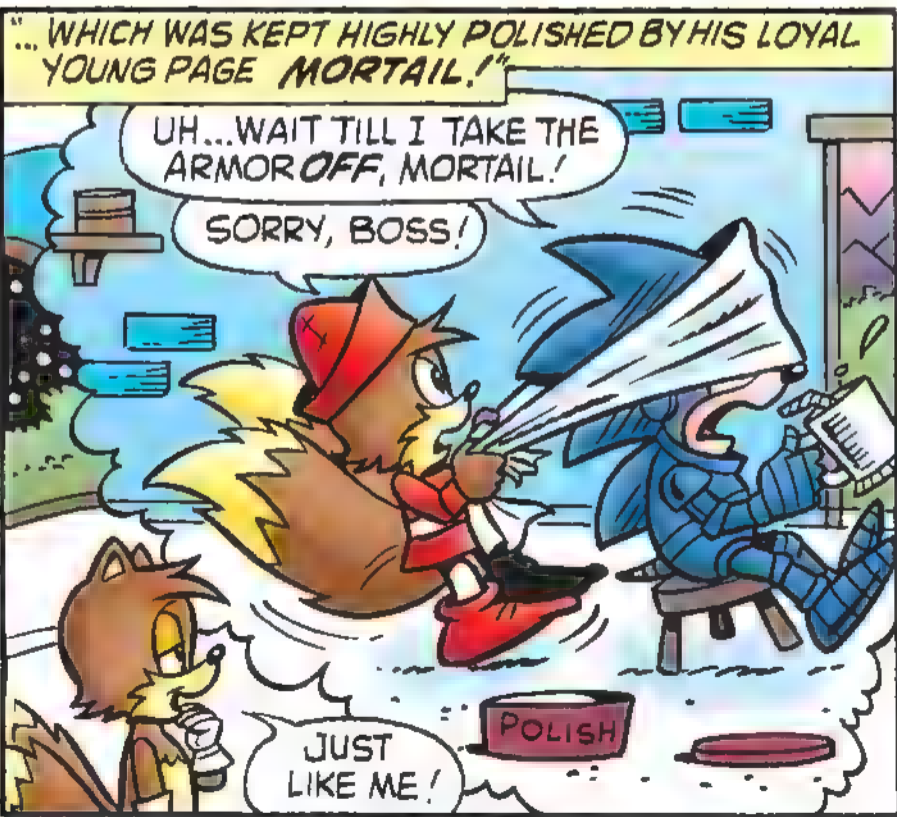
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



I'LL EXPLAIN WITH A FABLE! ONCE UPON A TIME, IN ANCIENT MOBIUS, THERE WAS A REAL COOL KNIGHT KNOWN AS SIR RUNALOT!

OH, BOY! JUST LIKE SONIC!

SIR RUNALOT WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS BRILLIANT BLUE ARMOR...



... WHICH WAS KEPT HIGHLY POLISHED BY HIS LOYAL YOUNG PAGE MORTAIL!

UH... WAIT TILL I TAKE THE ARMOR OFF, MORTAIL!

SORRY, BOSS!

JUST LIKE ME!

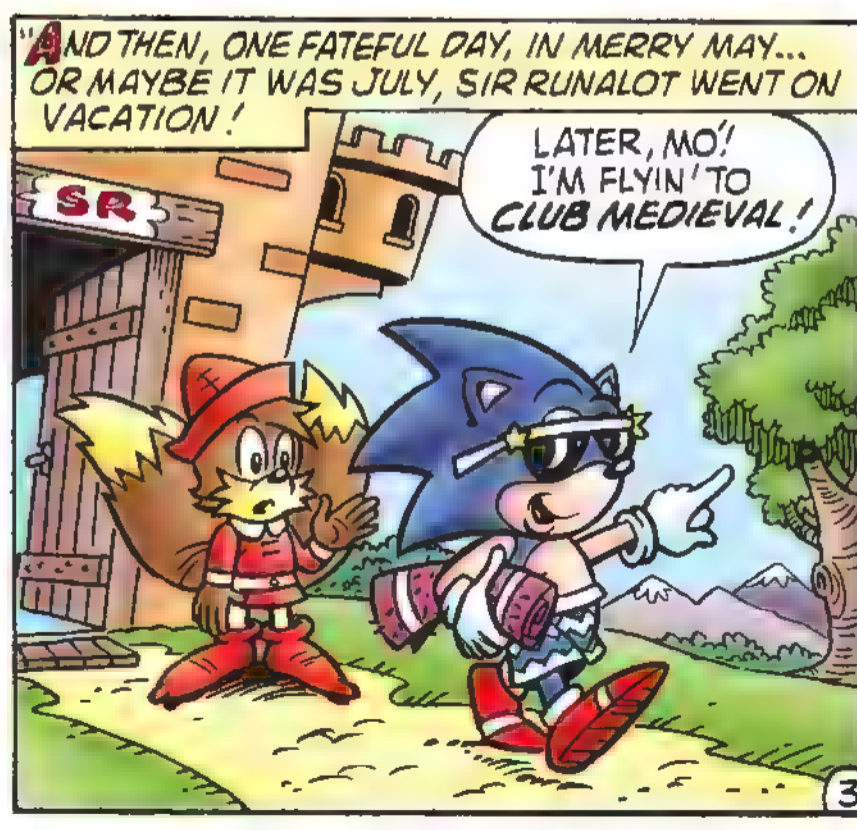
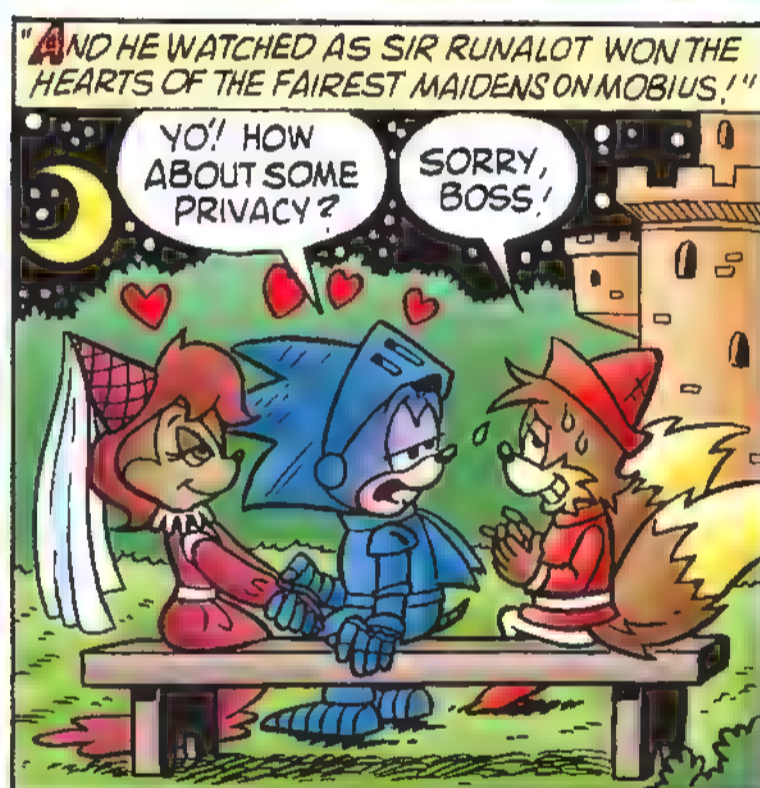
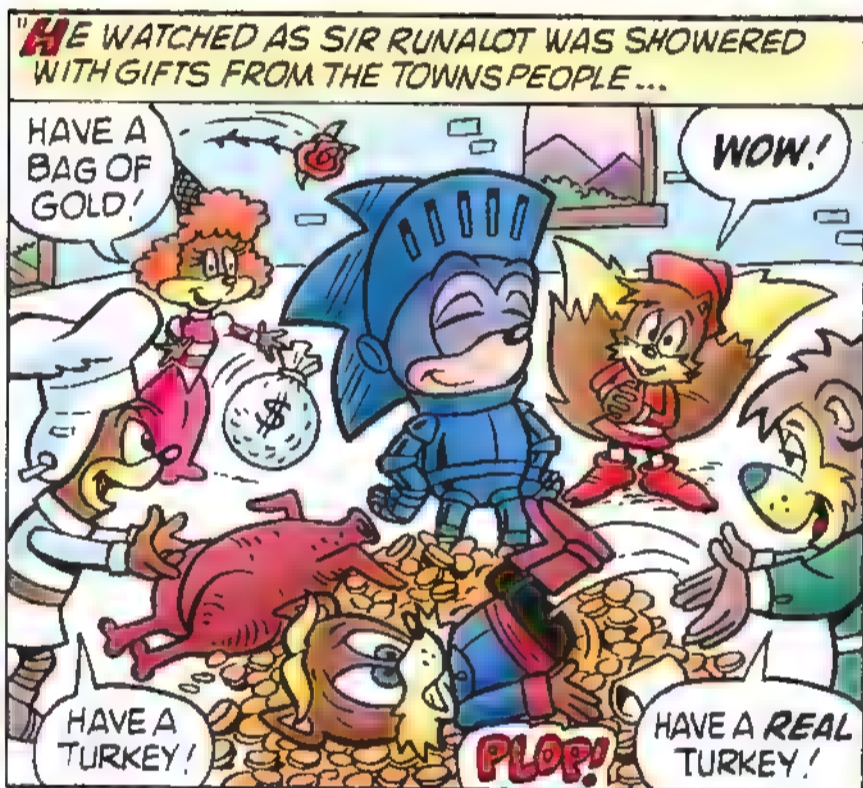
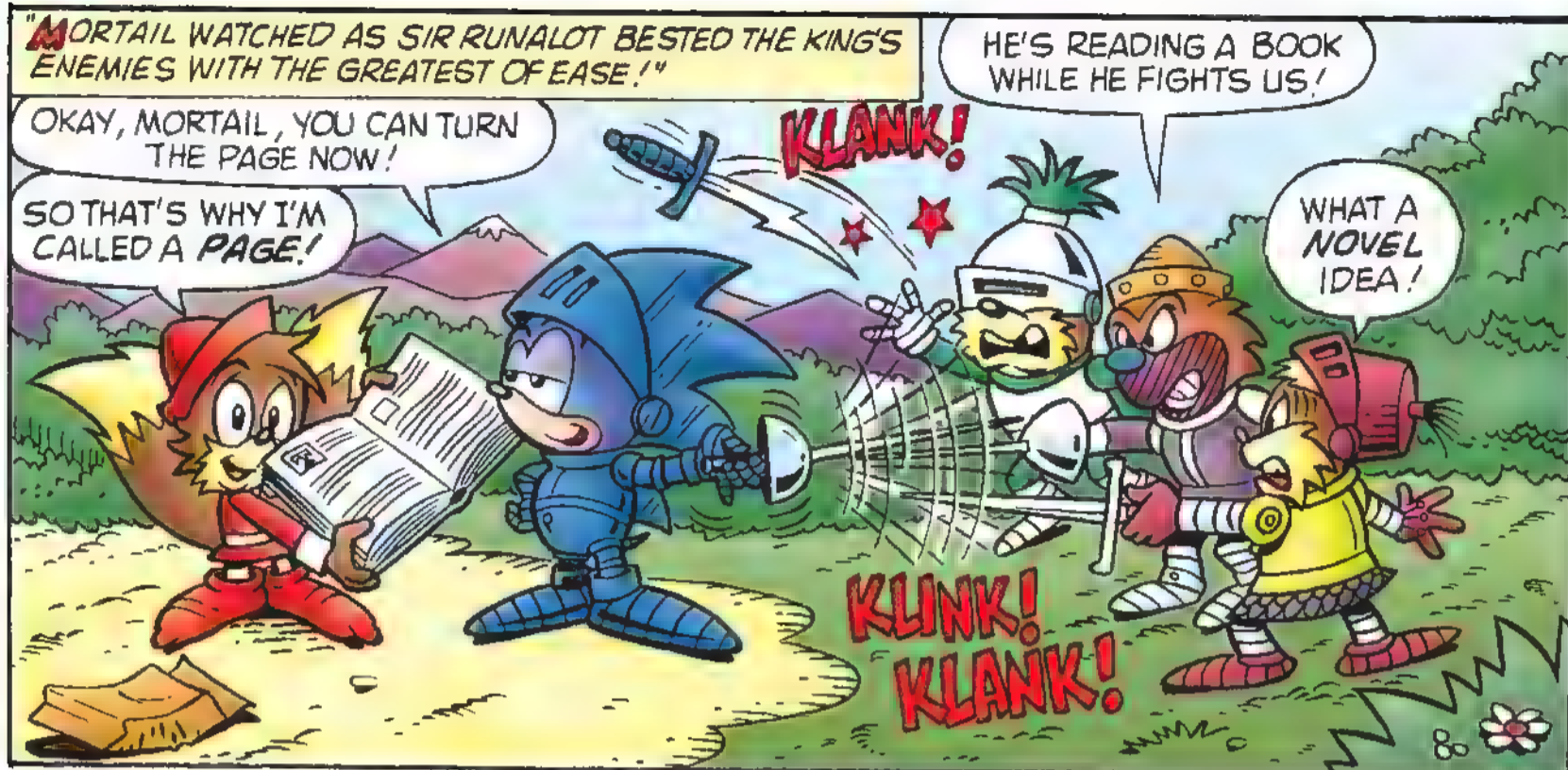
POLISH



MORTAIL WOULD FOLLOW SIR RUNALOT EVERYWHERE AS HE WENT ABOUT HIS KNIGHTLY DUTIES!

I'M FOLLOWING SIR RUNALOT EVERYWHERE AS HE GOES ABOUT HIS KNIGHTLY DUTIES!

SURE COULD USE A HORSE THOUGH!



"...LEAVING BEHIND HIS SUIT OF ARMOR FOR MORTAIL TO POLISH!"



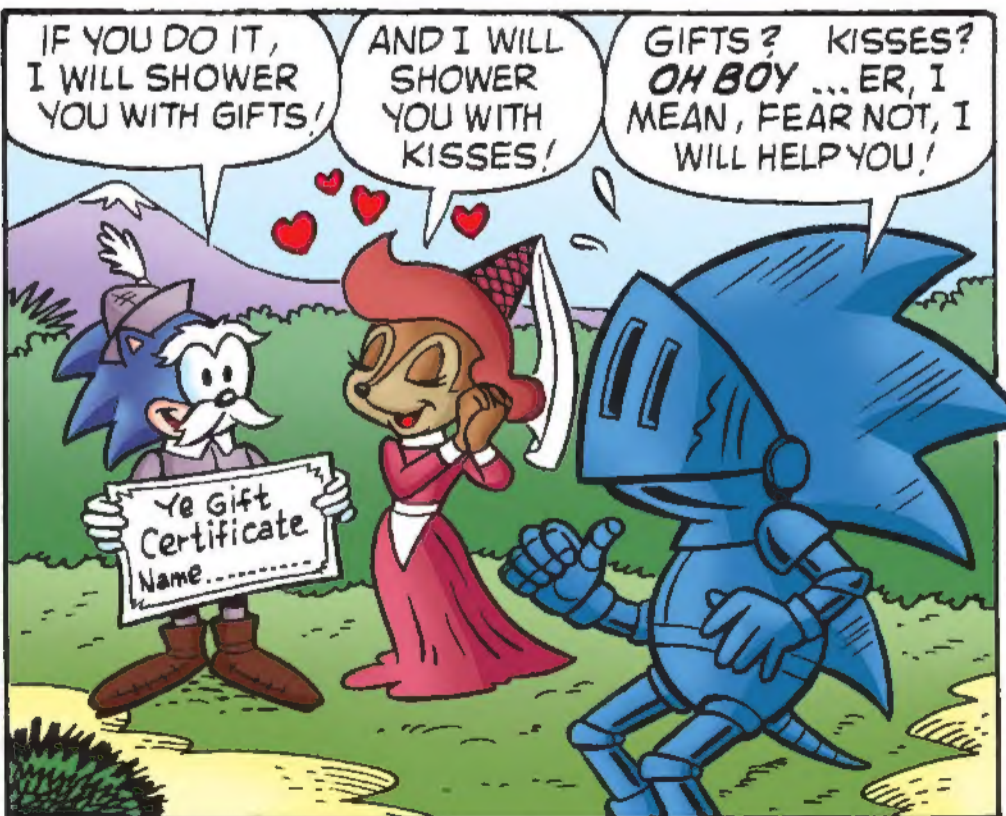
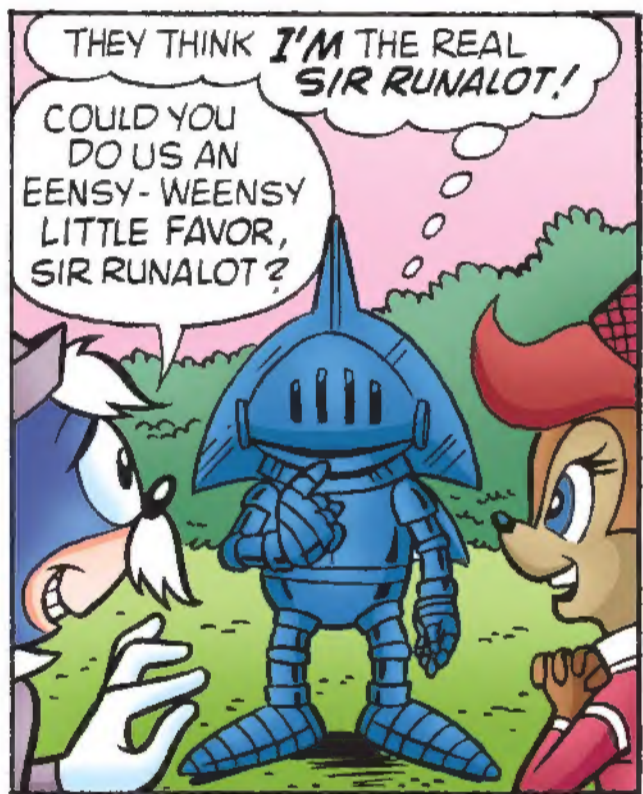
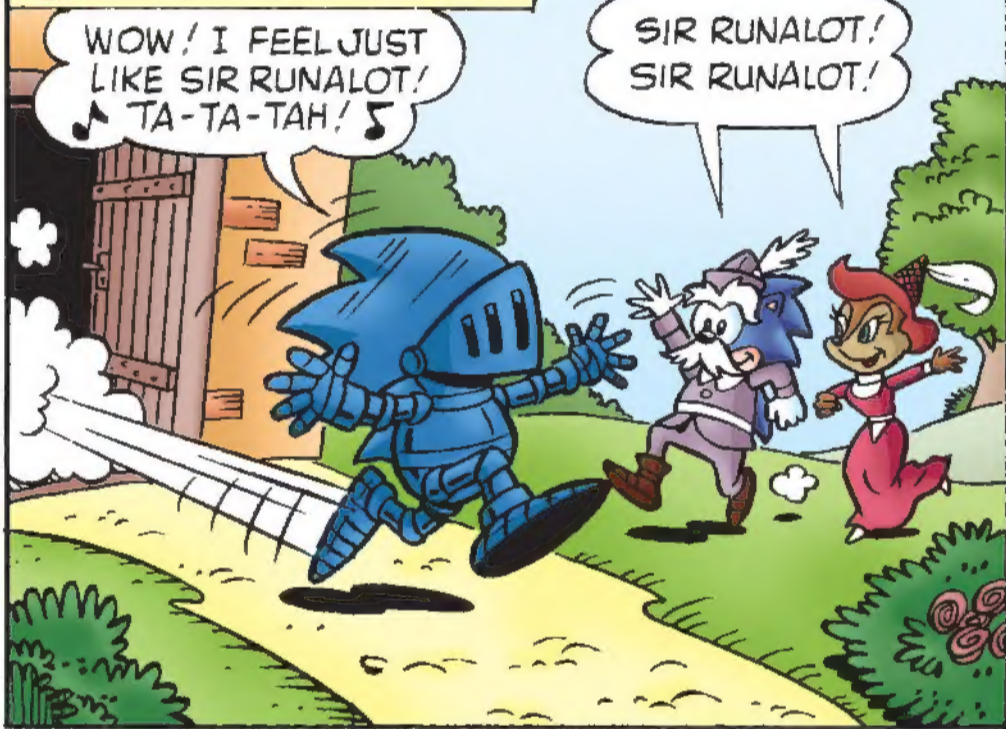
"SUDDENLY, MORTAIL WAS STRUCK BY AN IDEA!"

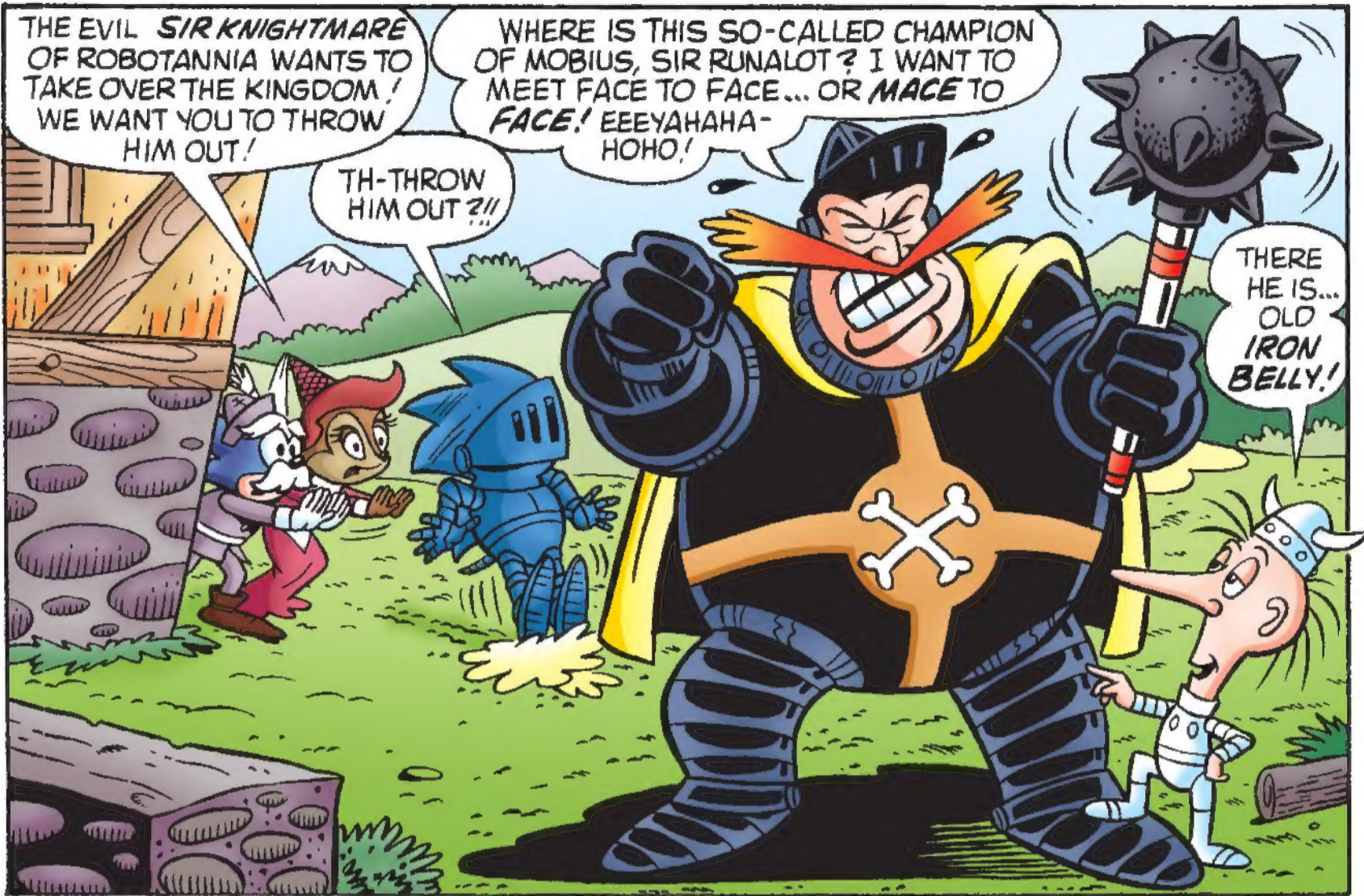


"...THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO TRY ON SIR RUNALOT'S ARMOR! I'M SURE HE WON'T MIND, HE SAID TO HIMSELF!"



"BUT WHEN HE PUT IT ON..."



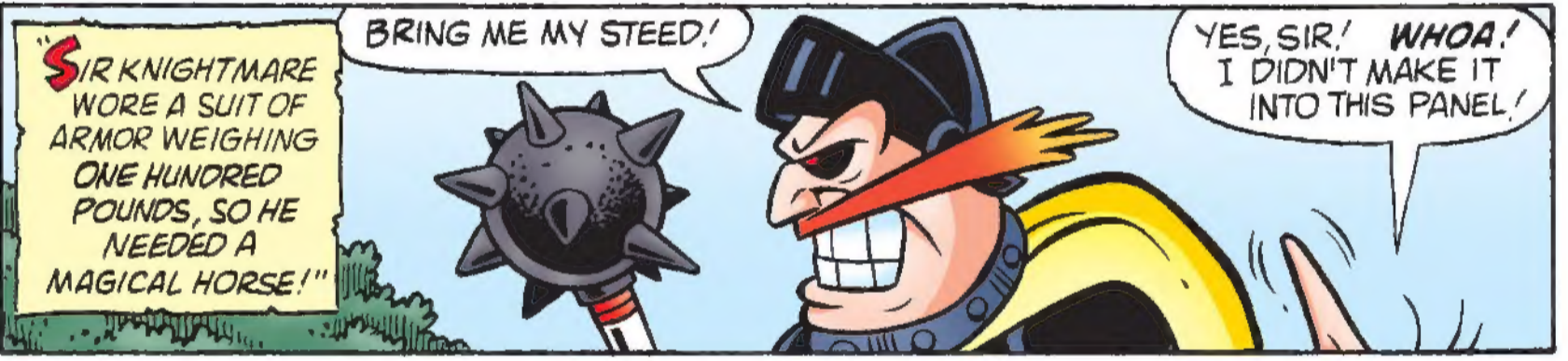


THE EVIL *SIR KNIGHTMARE* OF ROBOTANNIA WANTS TO TAKE OVER THE KINGDOM! WE WANT YOU TO THROW HIM OUT!

WHERE IS THIS SO-CALLED CHAMPION OF MOBIUS, SIR RUNALOT? I WANT TO MEET FACE TO FACE... OR *MACE TO FACE!* EEEYAHHA-HOHO!

TH-THROW HIM OUT?!!

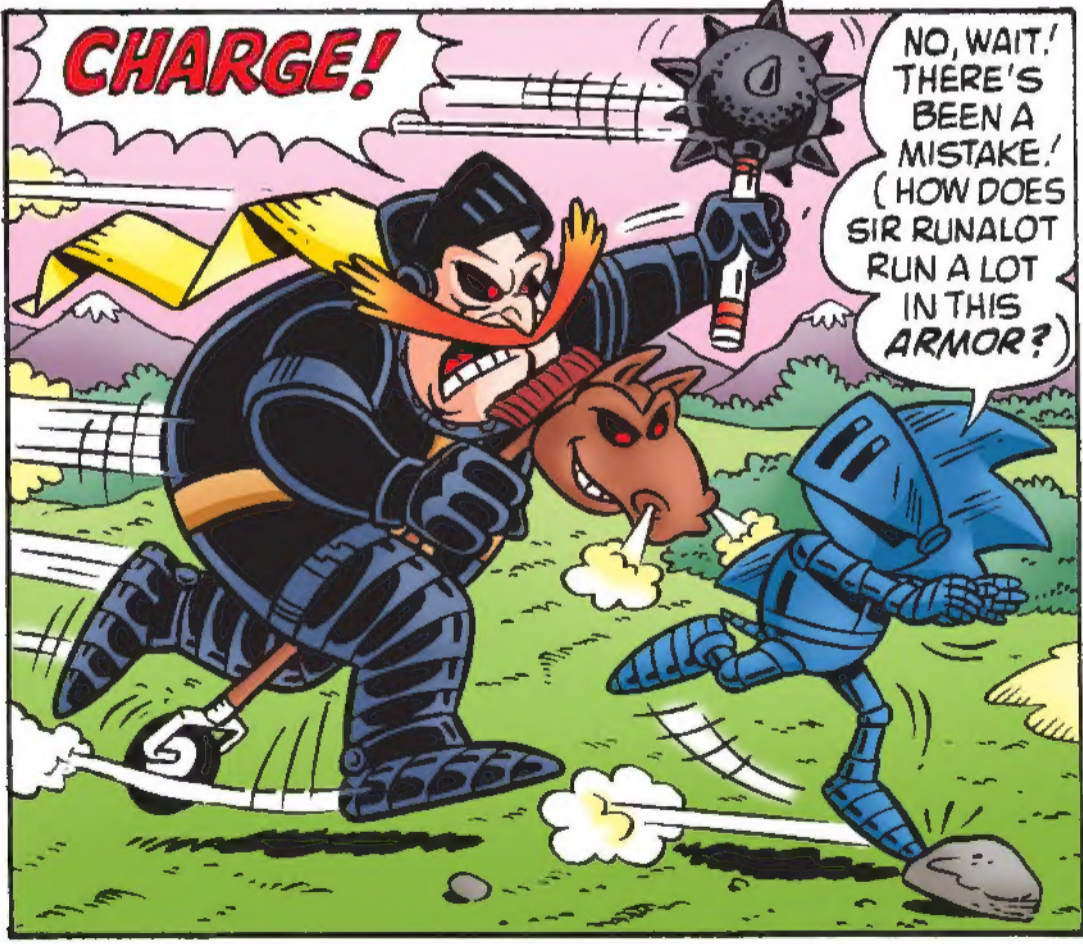
THERE HE IS... OLD IRON BELLY!



SIR KNIGHTMARE WORE A SUIT OF ARMOR WEIGHING ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, SO HE NEEDED A MAGICAL HORSE!"

BRING ME MY STEED!

YES, SIR! *WHOA!* I DIDN'T MAKE IT INTO THIS PANEL!



CHARGE!

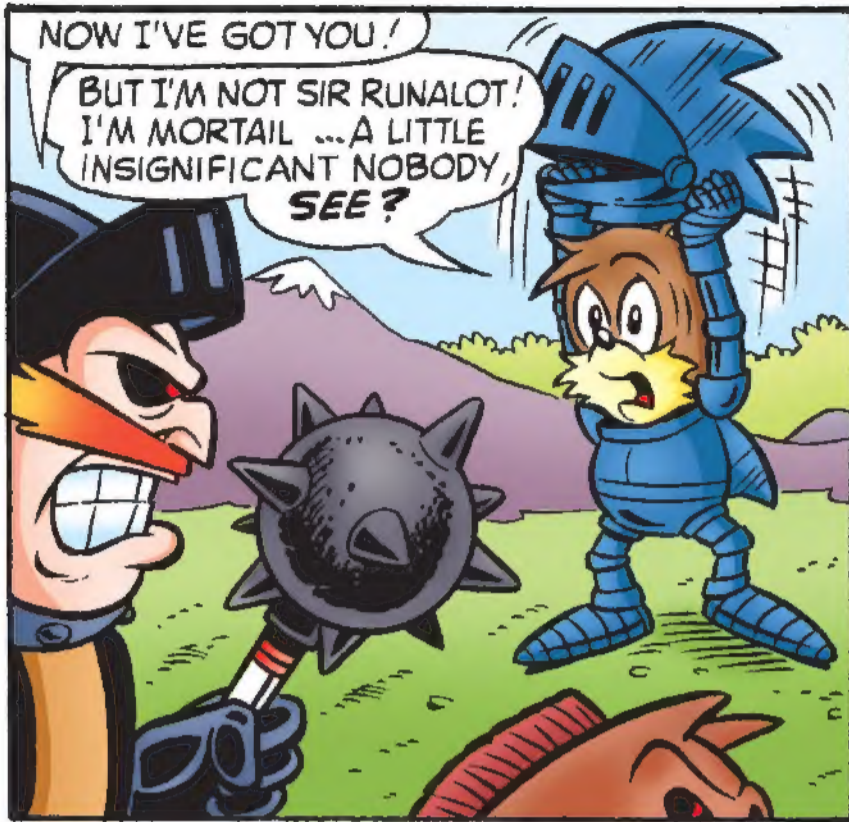
NO, WAIT! THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE! (HOW DOES SIR RUNALOT RUN A LOT IN THIS ARMOR?)



"MORTAL WAS NO MATCH FOR SIR KNIGHTMARE!"

I TRIPPED!

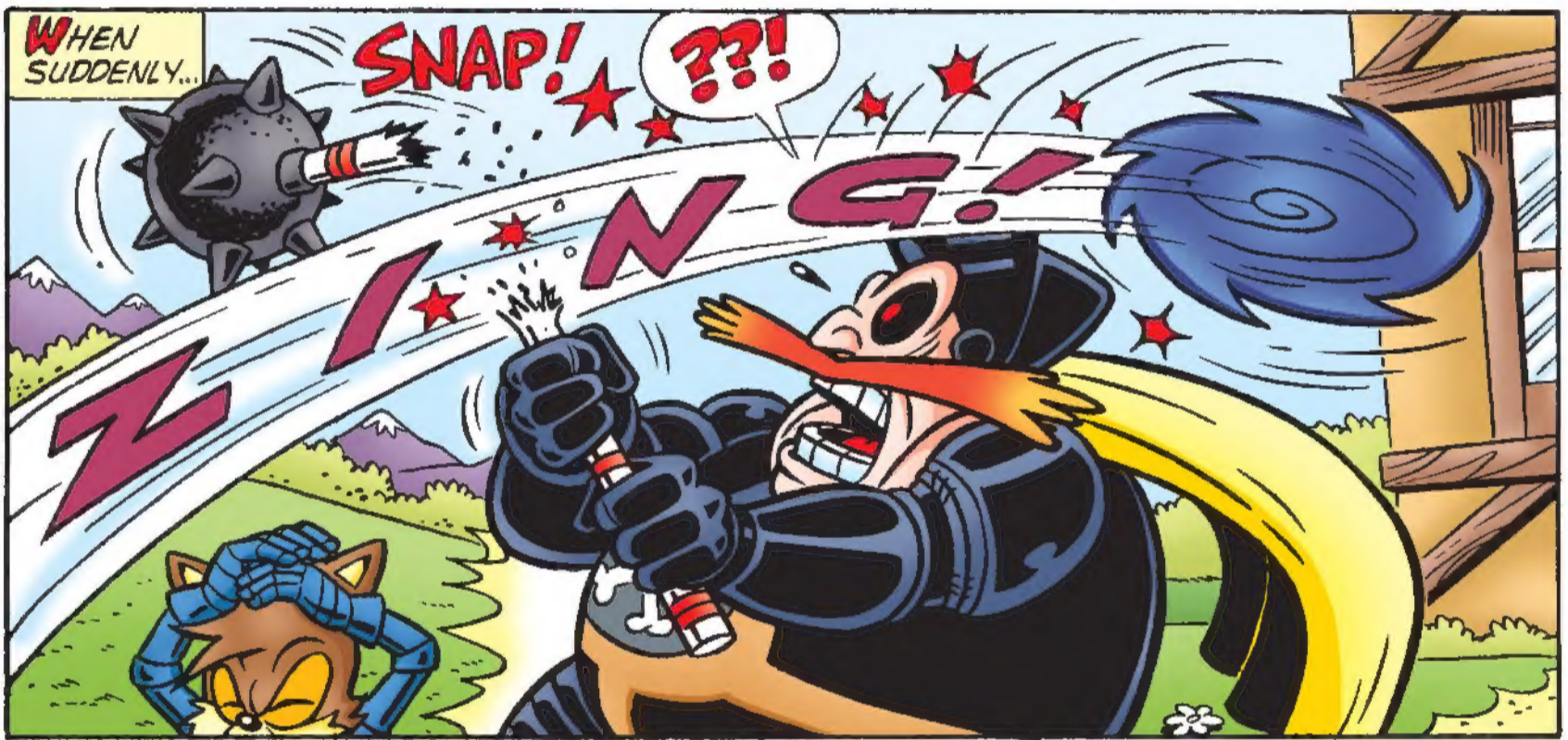
CLANK!



NOW I'VE GOT YOU!
BUT I'M NOT SIR RUNALOT!
I'M MORTAIL ... A LITTLE
INSIGNIFICANT NOBODY,
SEE?



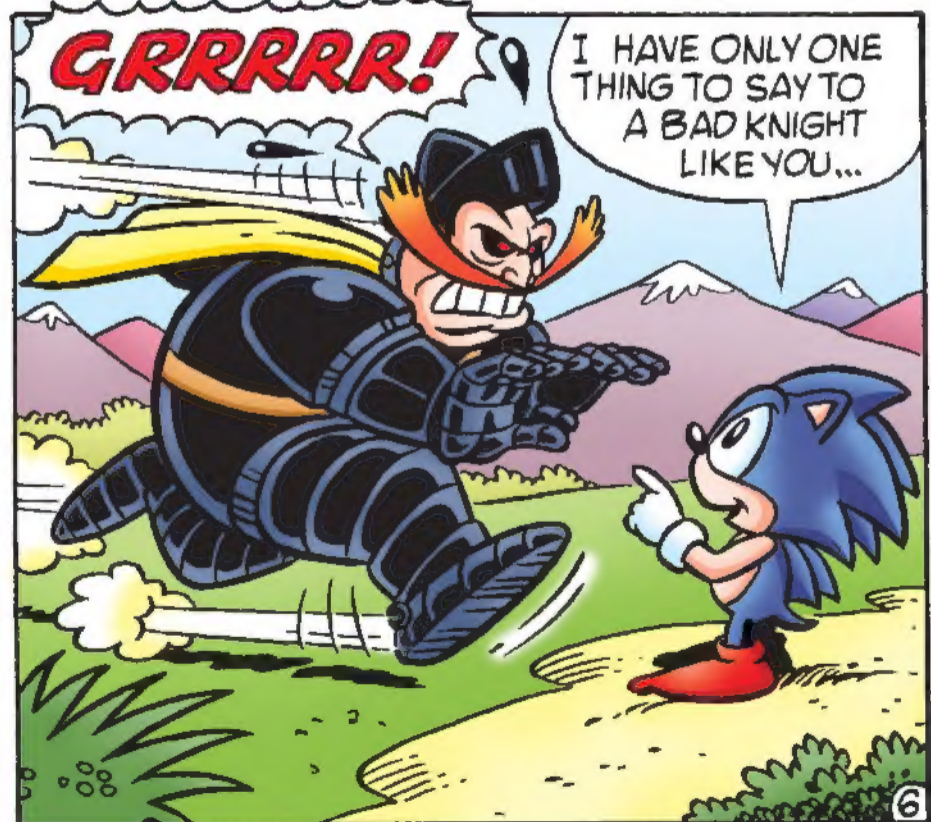
"IT LOOKED LIKE THE END OF
MORTAIL!"
COWARD! I RECOGNIZE
YOUR BLUE ARMOR!
PREPARE TO...



WHEN
SUDDENLY...
SNAP! ???!



SIR
RUNALOT!
YOU'RE BACK!
YEAH! I FORGOT
THAT AIRLINES
HAVEN'T BEEN
INVENTED YET!



GRRRRR!
I HAVE ONLY ONE
THING TO SAY TO
A BAD KNIGHT
LIKE YOU...

